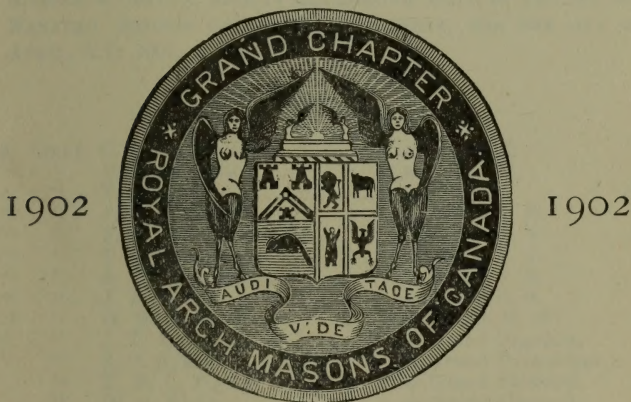


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF CANADA

AT A SPECIAL CONVOCATION HELD IN THE CITY OF NANAIMO, B.C.
ON TUESDAY THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1901,
A.I. 2431, AND

At the Forty-Fourth Annual Convocation



HELD IN
THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING,
CITY OF TORONTO, ONT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND, A.D. 1902
A.I. 2432, A.L. 5902.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.

HON. WILLIAM GIBSON, Beamsville, Ont. GEO. J. BENNETT, Toronto.
Grand Z. Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

AT A SPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL IN THE CITY OF NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, ON TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1901, A.I. 2431.

PRESENT.

R. E. Comp.	C. H. Gatewood.....	as Grand Z.
R. “ “	P. McNaughton.....	as Grand H.
R. “ “	T. Clouston.....	as Grand J.
“ “	J. W. Prescott.....	as Grand S. E.
“ “	F. M. Cowperthwaite.....	as Grand S. N.
“ “	T. J. Armstrong.....	as Grand P. S.
“ “	J. W. Morrison.....	as Grand S. S.
“ “	J. T. Brown.....	as Grand J. S.
R. “ “	H. H. Watson.....	as Grand D. of C.
“ “	J. T. Davis.....	as Grand Organist.
“ “	S. C. Sykes.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
“ “	T. E. L. Taylor.....	as Grand Steward.
“ “	W. J. Kirby.....	as Grand Steward.
“ “	E. Hosker.....	as Grand Janitor.

The Acting Grand Scribe E. read the notice calling the Convocation.

The Acting Grand Scribe E. read the letter from M. E. Comp. W. Gibson, Grand Z., granting the authority to hold this Convocation.

There being a constitutional number of Chapters represented, the Acting Grand Z., R. E. Companion C. H. Gatewood, opened Grand Chapter in Form at 8 o'clock p.m.

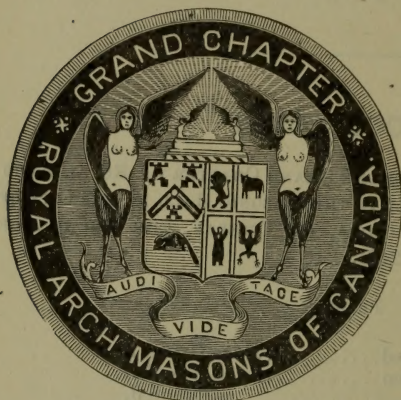
The Acting Grand Z. then consecrated Keystone Chapter, No. 127, in due and ancient form.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The business for which the Special Convocation was summoned, having been completed, Grand Chapter was closed in Form.

J. W. PRESCOTT,

Acting Grand Scribe E.



Nanaimo, B.C.,

April 9th, 1901.

Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

AT THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING, CITY OF TORONTO, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND JANUARY, A.D. 1902, A.I. 2432.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	William Gibson.....	Grand Z.	} Grand Council on The Throne.
R. " "	Abraham Shaw	Grand H.	
R. " "	DeWitt H. Martyn, M.D.	Grand J.	
R. " "	Geo. J. Bennett.....	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	W. H. McFadden	Grand Scribe N.	
R. " "	Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.	
R. " "	J. R. Fitzgerald	as Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. " "	W. J. McAllister	as Grand Registrar.	
V. " "	E. Herbert Briggs.....	Grand 1st Asst. Sojourner.	
" "	T. W. Chapple.....	as Grand 2nd Asst. Sojourner.	
" "	Geo. E. White	as Grand Sword Bearer.	
" "	Geo. Moore	as Grand Master 1st Veil.	
" "	W. A. Buchner.....	as Grand Master 2nd Veil.	
" "	John Sinclair.....	as Grand Master 3rd Veil.	
" "	W. J. A. Lake	as Grand Master 4th Veil.	
" "	S. Y. Taylor	as Grand Standard Bearer.	
V. " "	W. H. Robinson....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
V. " "	J. M. Young	Grand Organist.	
" "	Alex. Cowan	as Grand Pursuivant.	
" "	W. K. Farlinger.....	as Grand Steward.	
" "	Francis Blackburne....	as Grand Steward.	
" "	Alex. Gibson....	as Grand Steward.	
" "	Henry T. Smith.....	as Grand Steward.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Jas. Hamilton, Woodstock ..	Wilson	Dist. No. 3
" "	W. H. Spears, Oakville	Hamilton	" " 5
" "	Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Seaforth.	Huron	" " 6
" "	J. C. Rothery, Niagara Falls.	Niagara	" " 7
" "	Geo. J. Mason, Toronto.....	Toronto	" " 8
" "	W. J. Sutherland, Barrie ...	Georgian	" " 9
" "	A. G. Henderson, Whitby ...	Ontario	" " 10
" "	N. J. Fraid, Cornwall....	St. Lawrence	" " 12

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. E. Comp.	Abraham Shaw, Kingston.....	Connecticut.
"	" Thos. C. MacNabb, Chatham.....	Delaware.
"	" Hugh Murray, Hamilton.....	Dist. of Columbia.
"	" William Forbes, Grimsby.....	Illinois.
"	" DeW. H. Martyn, M.D., Kincardine.	Indian Territory
"	" John M. Gibson, Hamilton.....	Kansas.
"	" William Walker, Toronto.....	Kentucky.
"	" Benjamin Allen, Toronto.....	Maine.
M. E.	" John E. Harding, Lindsay.....	Massachusetts.
"	" William Gibson, Beamsville.....	Missouri.
"	" J. Ross Robertson, Toronto.....	Nebraska.
R. E.	" John S. Dewar, London.....	New Hampshire.
"	" James Wilson, Toronto.....	North Carolina.
"	" Daniel F. MacWatt, Sarnia.....	Quebec.
"	" James K. Kerr, Toronto.....	Scotland.
"	" James B. Nixon, Toronto.....	Vermont.
M. E.	" William G. Reid, Hamilton.....	Victoria.
R. E.	" Alexander Patterson, Toronto.....	Virginia.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the forty-fourth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 1 o'clock p.m.

R. E. Companion William Roaf, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 100 warranted Chapters and 3 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 71 were represented by the following Companions :—

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.

E. Comps. Geo. Somerville, P.Z. ; A. Malone, P.H. ; W. S. R. Murch, Z. and P.Z. ; R. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, P.Z.

No. 2. The Hiram, Hamilton.

E. Comp. Geo. Moore, R. E. Comps. Fred Walter, Prox. ; T. M. Davis, P.Z's.

No. 3. St. John's, London.

R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, P.Z. and Proxy.

No. 4. St. Andrew's and St. John's, Toronto.

E. Comps. W. H. Blight, J. ; W. P. Sutton, H. ; H. S. King, Z. ; T. B. Cole, Henry T. Smith, V. E. Comp. Spencer Love, C. A. Matthews, R. E. Comps. J. K. Kerr, Jas. Glanville, Wm. Simpson, P.Z's.

No. 5. St. George's, London.

E. Comps. F. S. Lawrason, W. A. Buchner, Proxy ; R. E. Comp. J. W. Butler, P.Z's.

- No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*
E. Comps. L. T. Macdonald, H ; J. T. Wilson, R. E. Comps. W. J. McAllister, W. Birrell, Hugh Murray, J. M. Gibson ; M. E. Comps. W. Gibson, W. G. Reid, P.Z's.
- No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*
E. Comp. D. F. Bogart, Z.
- No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. M. Gibbs, P.H. ; T. Wilkinson, Z. ; W. A. Lyon, T. M. Carleton ; R. E. Comps. J. B. Nixon, Alex. Patterson ; M. E. Comps. J. Ross Robertson, Kivas Tully, P.Z's.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
E. Comp. Geo. T. Samis, Z. and P.Z.
- No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
E. Comps. J. J. Watt, Z. ; W. J. Clarke ; R. E. Comp. Jas. Hamilton, P.Z's.
- No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
E. Comp. W. R. McCormick, Z.
- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
R. E. Comp. J. N. Graham, P.Z.
- No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
E. Comp. J. A. Macfadden ; M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, P.Z's.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
E. Comp. C. A. Macdonald, Z. and P.Z., G. M. Aylesworth, M.D. ; R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, P.Z's.
- No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Proxy.
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
E. Comp. A. Lawson, P.Z.
- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
E. Comp. R. A. Williamson, Z. and P.Z. ; M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z.
- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
E. Comp. J. W. Porteous, P.Z.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
E. Comp. Alex. Cowan, Prox. ; R. E. Comps. D. F. MacWatt, W. J. Sutherland, P.Z's.

- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
E. Comps. R. L. Huggard, J. W. White, A. M. Ross, F. Hatch ;
R. E. Comp. A. G. Henderson, P.Z's.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterboro'.*
E. Comp. Alex. Gibson, Z. ; J. M. Shaw, P.Z's.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
E. Comp. John Wesley Sanders, P.Z. and Proxy.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
E. Comps. W. A. Mahony, J., H. Mahony, P.Z.
- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
E. Comp. B. Patterson, Z.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
V. E. Comp. V. G. Cornwall, R. E. Comp. J. R. Fitzgerald,
P.Z's.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
E. Comp. L. E. Tillson, Z. ; R. E. Comp. T. C. MacNabb, P.Z.
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
R. E. Comp. R. J. Craig, P.Z.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg, Man.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, P.Z.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolea.*
E. Comp. John Sinclair, P.Z.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. Comp. G. T. Kennedy, H. ; M. W. Ford, P.Z.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
R. E. Comp. J. G. Rousseau, P.Z.
- No. 56. *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
E. Comp. Geo. M. Frankin, J.
- No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
E. Comps. Thos. Davell, Prox., Geo. K. Dewey, P.Z's.
- No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
R. E. Comp. P. T. Lee, P.Z.

- No. 62. *York, Eglington.*
R. E. Comp. W. Roaf, P.Z.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
R. E. Comp. DeWitt H. Martyn, P.Z.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Jas. Bicknell, Z., E. B. Brown; R. E. Comps. F. F. Manley, W. G. Eakins, Benj. Allen, Aubrey White, Douglas Ponton, P.Z's.
- No. 66. *The Malloch, Seaforth.*
R. E. Comp. J. W. Hodgins, P.Z. and Proxy.
- No. 67. *Enterprise, Harriston.*
E. Comp. John Prain, P.Z. and Proxy.
- No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
E. Comp. R. Lipsitt, Z.; R. E. Comp. W. Forbes, P.Z.
- No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
R. E. Comp. Jas. Whitten, P.Z.
- No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*
R. E. Comp. J. Earl Halliwell, P.Z.
- No. 73. *Erie, Ridgetown.*
E. Comp. D. P. McPhail, M.D., Z.; G. W. Morely, P.Z.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
E. Comps. L. H. Luke, Z., John Drew, G. K. Clements, R. E. Comp. Jas. Wilson, P.Z's.
- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
E. Comps. O. A. Murphy, J.; Seymour Corley, Z.; D. D. Grierson, F. H. Anderson, W. J. Chick, V. E. Comp. E. H. Briggs, R. E. Comp. G. J. Mason, P.Z's.
- No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
E. Comp. Geo. E. White, Z.
- No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
E. Comp. H. A. Hornbridge, J.
- No. 82. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
E. Comp. T. W. Chapple, Proxy.
- No. 90. *Golden, Rat Portage.*
E. Comp. T. W. Chapple, Z.

- No. 91. Antiquity, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Robert Ross, Z.; Francis Blackburne, W. J. A. Lake; R. E. Comps. G. J. Bennett, W. Walker, P.Z's.
- No. 94. Midland, Lindsay.*
E. Comp. G. H. M. Baker, P.Z.
- No. 95. Tuscan, Sudbury.*
R. E. Comp. W. H. McFadden, P.Z.
- No. 98. Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 100. St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
E. Comp. S. R. Stayner, P.Z. and Proxy.
- No. 103. St. John's, North Bay.*
E. Comp. H. G. Reid, P.Z. and Proxy.
- No. 104. White Oak, Oakville.*
E. Comp. J. C. Ford, Z.; V. E. Comp. W. H. Robinson;
R. E. Comp. W. Speers, P.Z's.
- No. 106. Alberta, Calgary, N. W. T.*
M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Proxy.
- No. 112. St. John's, Morrisburg.*
E. Comp. W. K. Farlinger, Z.
- No. 113. Covenant, Cornwall.*
E. Comp. E. H. Elridge, Proxy; R. E. Comp. N. J. Fraid, P.Z's.
- No. 114. Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
E. Comp. G. W. Macdonald, H.
- No. 115. Brant, Paris.*
E. Comp. James Smillie, Z.
- No. 118. North Star, Edmonton, N. W. T.*
V. E. Comp. D. C. Robertson, P.Z.; R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett,
Proxy.
- No. 120. Kootenay, Kaslo, B.C.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 121. Wascana, Regina, N. W. T.*
V. E. Comp. J. M. Young, P.Z., and Proxy.

- No. 122. Rossland, Rossland, B.C.*
R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, Proxy.
- No. 123. Nelson, Nelson, B.C.*
M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Proxy.
- No. 124. Westminster, New Westminster, B.C.*
M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Proxy.
- No. 125. Rocky Mountain, Fort Steele, B.C.*
R. E. Comp. William Roaf, Proxy.
- No. 126. Assiniboia, Medicine Hat, N. W. T.*
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Proxy.
- No. 127. Keystone, Nanaimo, B.C.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 128. Revelstoke, Revelstoke, B.C.*
M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Proxy.

Twenty-nine Chapters are unrepresented. Number of names registered, 164. Number of votes entitled to be cast, 314.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM ROAF, }
W. T. TONER, } *Committee.*

On motion of R. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following :

ADDRESS.

To the M. E. the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, Greeting.

Companions :

Let me extend to you a most cordial welcome to this the the Forty-Fourth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and let us return thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings vouchsafed to us during the past year.

The continued prosperity of the Grand Chapter must be a source of gratification to all lovers of the Royal Craft, and

the wisdom of changing the time of our Annual Convocation from July to January, is more apparent year after year, not only by a larger attendance of its members, but by an increased interest in its affairs.

With the lamented death one year ago to-day of our revered and beloved sovereign lady Queen Victoria, of blessed memory, there followed in natural order the accession of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh, to that high and exalted position, and whilst hailed by all his loving and loyal subjects in every part of his vast Empire, it is particularly fitting that the members of this Grand Chapter should hail with especial pleasure and gratification, that one holding so many prominent and exalted positions in the Craft, as well as in Royal Arch Masonry, should rule over us as sovereign, and as members of this Grand Chapter we offer to himself and his royal consort, our grateful homage, assuring them of the loyalty of the whole Masonic fraternity in Canada, and we earnestly hope and pray they may be long spared to reign over a free, happy, prosperous and contented people.

FINANCES.

Another source of congratulation is to be found in our continued healthy financial condition. The revenue from the Chapters, while the reverse of exacting, is nevertheless sufficient to meet present demands, and although the duties of the office of the Grand Scribe E. have materially increased during the last four or five years, we have been enabled by the practice of economy and punctuality in attending to the wants of the Chapters, to maintain our good position, to help aid, in a quiet way, the needy and suffering, and to show, as usual, a comfortable surplus.

GONE BEFORE.

This Grand Chapter mourns the loss of one of its Past Grand First Principals in the person of Most Excellent Companion Richard Beecher Hungerford, who died at his home in the city of London, Ontario, on Monday, the ninth day of September, A.D. 1901.

At the time of his death our beloved and lamented Companion was the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, having been unanimously re elected to that

high and important position at the annual Communication of Grand Lodge in the city of Hamilton, in the month of July last, and was held in high esteem by every Mason who had the honor and pleasure of his acquaintance. He was a most lovable man a loyal and broad minded citizen—a most enthusiastic Mason, and by his industry and integrity attained the highest positions in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

He devoted much of his time to the charitable work of the Craft, and in this connection his work and worth was recognized by his being elected President of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, which position he held at time of his death.

He represented the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of Canada, as also the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia near this Grand body.

In other branches of the order he took a deep interest. He was a member of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, Knights Templars, London, and also an Honorary Inspector General of the 33^o of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada

The respect in which our Companion was held was amply illustrated by the great assemblage of citizens and Masons at the funeral, it being one of the largest ever held in the city of London. The beautiful service of the Church of England was held in St. James' Church, where he worshipped and served as Churchwarden for over eighteen years, and the Masonic services at his house and at the grave were in charge of the acting Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

During the afternoon the following message was received from M. Ex Companion Geo. O. Stanton, Grand Z. of Quebec :

“Royal Arch Masons of Quebec extend deepest sympathy to the Masons of Ontario and bereaved family in the death of Grand Master Hungerford.”

Several others of similar purport were received by the Acting Grand Secretary, Bro. Hugh Murray.

In June last I was notified by Grand Secretary Christopher G. Fox, of the death of our representative near the Grand Chapter of New York, R. E. Companion William Garret Thirkell, which sad event occurred at his home, Sodus, N.Y., on May 29th. Companion Thirkell was a physician of high repute, and prominent in the councils of the fraternity.

I have also been notified by sister jurisdictions of the following deaths of distinguished Companions, some of them whose names were familiar as pillars of the Craft :

Connecticut—C. H. Chesebro, Grand High Priest.

Colorado — Edward C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary ;
Moses A. Adams, Past Grand High Priest.

Georgia—Henry C. Burr, Grand High Priest.

Illinois — James Lee Waller, Grand Chaplain ; Jacob Krohn, Haswell C. Clarke and Frederic C. Winslow, Past Grand High Priests.

Indiana—Mortimer Nye, Past Grand High Priest.

Iowa—N. B. Hyatt, Grand High Priest ; Theodore S. Parvin and Thomas Ercanbrack, Past Grand High Priests.

Kansas—Moses S. Adams, Past Grand High Priest.

Michigan—William F. Webber, Past Grand High Priest.

Nebraska — Jas. A. Tulleys and Jas. W. Moore, Past Grand High Priests.

North Carolina—Geo. B. Waterhouse, Past Grand High Priest.

Oregon—Jas. R. Bayley, Past Grand High Priest.

South Carolina—Frank T. Wilhite, Past Grand High Priest.

South Dakota—Samuel J. Coyne, M.D., Past Grand High Priest.

Texas—Sylvester S. Munger, Past Grand High Priest.

Virginia—Ernest Louis Ide and John H. Wayt, Past Grand High Priests.

Wisconsin—John Warren Laflin, Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS TO H. M. THE KING.

At the last Annual Convocation a resolution was unanimously adopted by Grand Chapter that a committee, consisting of M. E. Companions Mason, Harding, Robertson and Walsh, be entrusted with the duty of preparing a sympathetic address to His Majesty King Edward on the death of the late beloved Queen Victoria, and conveying assurances of loyalty and devotion from this Grand body. The Committee with praiseworthy promptitude performed their duty, and the task of seeing the address properly engrossed and mounted

and forwarded to its destination was left in the hands of the Grand Scribe E. who in the course of time received due acknowledgment from His Excellency the Governor General, and later from His Majesty.

I may add that before forwarding the address, which was beautifully executed in colors appropriate to the occasion, the Grand Scribe E. procured half tones of the four pages, and they will appear with the printed proceedings of this Annual Convocation.

SPECIAL CONVOCATION.

It having been represented to me that it would be in the interests of the Royal Craft if more than ordinary significance were to attach to the formal taking over of Keystone Chapter at Nanaimo, formerly on the registry of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, but now of this obedience, I cordially granted the request of the worthy Companions of British Columbia, leaders in the Royal Craft at Vancouver and elsewhere, to hold a Special Convocation of Grand Chapter at Nanaimo for the purpose of consecrating Keystone Chapter No. 127 on the registry of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Special Convocation was summoned for the 9th April, 1901, and the function passed off most successfully. R. E. Companion C. H. Gatewood, my active representative in that district, acted as Grand Z., and Past Grand Superintendents R. E. Companions McNaughton and Clouston as Grand H. and Grand J. respectively. I have since learned that the Chapter, which has been dormant for years, has been doing good work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

I cannot pass this subject without adding my mite to the testimony contributed by my predecessors, to the zeal and energy displayed by the Companions in the growing province of the far west. The necessary and much regretted absence of leading officers of this Grand Chapter, instead of discouraging them seems to act as an incentive to renewed effort. The Superintendents of the years gone by do not put aside their enthusiasm with their office, but on the contrary are to be found wherever there is an opportunity to do good to and advance the interests of the Royal Craft. My grateful acknowledgements are due to those worthy Companions, for it is to them and their unselfish devotion that the present happy condition of affairs is due. I sincerely trust that their desire for a divi-

sion of the province into two districts will be acceded to, and that the result will be to their further credit and honour.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

In the early part of last October I received a letter from R. E. Companion Robert Pollock, Grand Superintendent of the Ottawa District, dated at Winnipeg, stating that continued ill health necessitated his removal from his former home at Almonte to the western city, where he intended to remain, and regretting his inability to perform the duties of the office to which his Companions had elected him. After consultation with some of the leading Companions of the district I instructed the Grand Scribe E. to notify E. Companion William Rea, of Ottawa, that I had appointed him to take charge of the Chapters for the balance of the capítular year, and to devote what time he could, in the brief period allotted to him, for the benefit of the district. The duty was promptly undertaken by the Ex. Companion, and acting as my representative has earned from me my warmest gratitude. I feel confident that the Companions of the Ottawa District will also show their appreciation of his good services.

CHAPTERS U. D.

Companions resident at Southampton, Ont., believing that there was a good field for a Chapter in that town, and having received the sanction of the nearest Chapter, viz. Havelock, No. 63, Kincardine, and their petition endorsed by the Grand Superintendent of the District, I directed the Grand Scribe E. to forward letters of dispensation for the twelve Companions making application to organize a Chapter at Southampton, to be known as Chantry Chapter. This he did on the 22nd April last, and later the new Chapter was instituted under most favorable auspices.

On the 23rd December an application was received, signed by twelve Companions resident at Warton, Ont., desirous of forming a Chapter at that place, to be known as Amabel Chapter. The contention that their peculiar position, so far as railway connection is concerned, precluded the possibility of direct interference with existing Chapters, appeared on enquiry to be well-founded, and having received the sanction of the nearest Chapter, viz. Georgian No. 56, at Owen Sound, and the Grand Superintendent of the district recommending same,

I directed the Grand Scribe E. to issue letters of dispensation, which that officer at once did.

Some years ago the surrendered Charter of Saugeen Chapter, No. 50, of Walkerton, Ont., was, under a then existing regulation, applied for by and granted to a requisite number of Companions residing in the town of Mitchell who have ever since maintained it most creditably. Recently the attenuated ranks of the remnant of the Companions resident at Walkerton have received important accessions, notably V. E. Companion R. C. Cheswright, formerly of Seaforth, an enthusiastic and zealous worker in the Royal Craft, and under his guidance they made application for a dispensation, expressing the hope that with the consent of the Companions at Mitchell and under conditions mutually agreeable, their old charter might be restored to them, the Mitchell Companions accepting the new warrant, and selecting a new name. The proposition appealed to me favorably, and having heard from R. E. Comp. W. Elliott, of Mitchell, that the Companions there were equally desirous that the transfer should be made, and believing that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry were being served, I instructed the Grand Scribe E. to forward the letters of dispensation to the Grand Superintendent of the district with the necessary injunctions as to the proper carrying out of the proposed terms. I understand that the Chapter was duly instituted on the 13th inst. and it will be for Grand Chapter now to confirm my action in the matter.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER V. KEYSTONE CHAPTER.

On the 2nd November last I received through the Grand Scribe E. a communication from the Scribe E. of Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, protesting against the action of Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, in accepting the petitions of certain brethren, residents of the village of Port Perry and elsewhere, which places the writer claimed, were within the territory claimed by Pentalpha Chapter. This protest I directed the Grand Scribe E. to entrust to the Grand Superintendent of that District, with instruction to make full enquiry into the matter and report to me as early as possible. The correspondence in the case, together with the report, will be handed to the proper Committee to adjudicate upon.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I had much pleasure in recommending the appointment of the following Companions to represent the Grand Chapters opposite their respective names, near the Grand Chapter of Canada :

R. E. Comp. Thos. MacNabb, Delaware

“ “ J. B. Nixon, Vermont.

“ “ Alex. Patterson, Virginia.

I had also much pleasure in signing the appointments of the following distinguished Companions to represent this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapters to which they respectively belong :

R. E. Companion George F. Young, Wilmington, Delaware.

R. E. Companion J. M. Murray, Ottumwa, Iowa.

“ “ Thos. R. Morrow, Kansas City, Missouri.

R. E. Companion Chas. W. Whitcomb, Proctorville, Vermont.

R. E. Companion E. L. Guy, Norfolk, Virginia.

“ “ Lew Lazarus, Montgomery, Alabama.

“ “ Ed. P. Sprague, Salem, New York.

“ “ Jas. H. Clark, Como, New Jersey.

“ “ D. W. Stanley, Barton, Florida.

To the Companions who hold commissions as representatives of sister Grand Chapters I desire to point out that their respective appointments, while recommended from this Grand Chapter, are actually made by the M. E. chief ruler of the Grand Chapter represented, and the desire to see that the honor is appreciated by the Companion selected, is a natural one on the part of that officer. Some of the Grand Chapters recently have been giving the matter of non-attendance of Grand Representatives close attention, and in one instance a resolution was adopted to the effect, that in the event of the Grand Chapter being unrepresented at any sister Grand Chapter for two consecutive annual Convocations the appointment of the Companion holding their commission would be annulled and another selection made.

This example is likely to be followed by other Grand Chapters, and I would, therefore, impress upon those Com-

panions holding such commissions, and whom we seldom see, that if they value the honor and desire to retain it, they will be more punctual in their attendance at the annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

During the year I have approved new and revised by-laws or sanctioned amendments to existing codes, of the following Chapters :—

St. George's, No. 5 ; Bruce, No. 53 ; Occident, No. 77 ; Huron, No. 30 ; Pembroke, No. 58 ; The Malloch, No. 66 ; Brant, No. 115 ; Nelson, No. 123 ; Rocky Mountain, No. 125 ; Guelph, No. 40 ; Antiquity, No. 91 ; Midland, No. 94.

I desire to call attention of Grand Chapter to the necessity of the Scribe E. of every subordinate Chapter furnishing the Grand Scribe E. with a copy of the by-laws of their respective Chapters, so that proposed amendments could be intelligently dealt with, as under the present unbusiness-like custom of merely giving in many cases the brief change of a word or two, making it quite difficult in very many cases of understanding what the desired change may be and what effect would have, so that the Grand Scribe E. could give the fullest information to the Grand First Principal when forwarding the same for his approval. I would also direct the attention of presiding Principals to the careless manner in which proposed amendments of by-laws are sent to the Grand Scribe E., in many cases on scraps of paper, not of sufficient size to allow for the signature of the Grand Z. to be attached. In this connection I would strongly urge that in future no proposed amendments to the by-laws of any Chapter be received officially by the Grand Scribe E. unless the same has the signature of the First Principal, the seal of the Chapter and attested by the Scribe E., giving in full the whole paragraph as it is, and as to be amended. This would simplify the work very much.

DISPENSATIONS.

For reasons which to me appeared good and sufficient, I issued a number of dispensations to Chapters for various purposes, such as to hold convocations on other than dates specified in by-laws, to qualify Companions elected by their Companions for advancement, and to attend Divine Service. Permission to ballot out of time was not asked once, and in a

single instance only was authority requested to confer the degrees at one and the same convocation. This last was in the case of a brother who had been accepted at a previous meeting and who, in the interval, had volunteered for service in South Africa and was then under orders to leave for Halifax.

CHAPTER VISITATIONS.

During the year I have made a number of visitations to Chapters in various sections of this province, and was much gratified with the very remarkable attention to accuracy in the work displayed in almost every instance.

On the 3rd April, I attended the forty-fourth anniversary celebration of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, accompanied by the Grand H., the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Superintendent of the district. The attendance of Past First Principals and Past Grand Chapter officers, was unusually large, their number alone being 75. I accepted it as a most graceful compliment to the head of the Royal Craft. The work was in charge of the veterans of the Chapter and an enjoyable entertainment followed.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro', extended a cordial welcome to the Grand Z. on the 16th April. The degree work was admirably done, after which they held their annual election. I was honoured with the presence, on this occasion, of M. E. Companion J. E. Harding, Past Grand Z., R. E. Companions A. Shaw, Grand H., E. H. D. Hall, R. Wood and other enthusiastic Craftsmen.

On Friday, the 26th April, I visited the St. George's Chapter, No. 5, at London, the occasion being the official visit of the District Superintendent, R. E. Companion W. F. Cooper. I was accompanied by the R. E. the Grand H. and the Grand Scribe E. There was a very large attendance including a number of Companions from Petrolea. Presentations of regalia to R. E. Companion J. W. Butler and jewels to Past Principals Lawrason and Butchner brought out some good fraternal sentiment. We were most hospitably received.

St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, most cordially welcomed the three Grand Principals and the Grand Scribe E. on the evening of the 9th May, when the R. A. degree was worked by the officers of Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, in a faultless manner. A hospitable banquet was furnished by the Companions of St. John's.

I had the pleasure of attending a fine banquet given by Doric Lodge at Brantford, on the 17th May, where I was given an opportunity as Grand Z., to speak on the advantages and antiquity of the Royal Craft.

In company with Grand Superintendent John McLaren, of Orangeville, I visited on the 10th June, Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt. There were also present R. E. Companions Mahony, Mann and Irvine. The R. A. work was exemplified and a banquet in the rooms adjacent to the Chapter brought to a close a very pleasant event.

I visited Orangeville on the 1st October, and was most hospitably received by R. E. Companion John McLaren and the Companions of Ionic Chapter, No. 83. The R. A. work under the guidance of E. Companion Glover, First Principal, was all that could be desired. A most entertaining programme was provided in the banquet room subsequently.

On the 18th of the same month I spent an enjoyable evening with the two Chapters at Brockville, Sussex, No. 59, and St. Lawrence, No. 100. The combined Chapters did their utmost to make my visit memorable. Grand Superintendent, N. J. Fraid, visited officially, and a feature of the evening that very much impressed me was the presence of sixty Companions from Ogdensburg, N.Y., including Companion Coleman, a veteran Mason, 87 years old. The R. A. degree was splendidly worked by the officers of both Chapters, and the banquet afterwards was in every sense worthy of the reputation of Brockville traditions.

A very large attendance of distinguished Companions greeted my visit to St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, on the 18th November. The Past Z's. of the Chapter worked the M.M.M. degree in a perfect manner and drew forth cordial expressions of admiration from M. E. Companions J. E. Harding and D. Ross, Past Grand Z's., R. E. Companion A. Shaw, Grand H., W. H. McFadden, Grand Scribe N., and other leading Companions who accompanied me. We were, as is customary in St. Paul's, treated with regal hospitality.

The annual convocation of the Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, was held on the 22nd November, and it was my privilege to be present. Grand Superintendent W. H. Spears, of Oakville, was paying his official visit and the annual election of officers was conducted in the greatest harmony.

My visit to Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie, was as instructive as it was pleasant. It occurred on the 10th De-

ember, and was marked by a large attendance and much enthusiasm ; R. E. Companion W. J. Sutherland, Grand Superintendent, officially visited. The R. A. degree by the officers of the Chapter was excellently worked. R. E. Companion W. J. Hallett, Grand Registrar, was among the distinguished Companions present.

I paid a second visit to St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton, on the 12th December. It was the annual Past Z's. night and I had much pleasure in taking a part of the work this being my mother Chapter. Like all such reunions in old St John's, it was an enjoyable success. R. E. Companion W. H. Spears, Grand Superintendent, visited officially.

On the 18th December a reception by the combined Chapters of Toronto to the active and efficient Grand Superintendent, R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Mason, was given in the rooms of Orient Chapter, No. 79. I was accompanied by R. E. Comps. A. Shaw, Grand H., Dr. D. H. Martyn, Grand J., the Grand Scribe E. and many Past Grand Officers. It was a notable gathering, and as the R. A. degree was worked by prominent Companions from each Chapter it may be taken for granted that it was done well. Orient Chapter subsequently entertained their visitors at a plenteous banquet.

I witnessed the working of the M. M. M. degree at the Convocation of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catherines, on the 20th December, and I have seldom seen it done better. This Chapter is noted for its attention to detail in the working of all the degrees and is worthy of emulation.

On the 9th January I accepted the invitation of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, to attend its annual reunion, and as on former similar occasions was much impressed with the working of the Chapter and the devotion of the Companions. It was a treat to watch the work and to witness the hearty good fellowship existing among the membership. I should add that the Companions of Bonnechere Chapter. Renfrew, worked the M. M. M. degree in a manner that elicited well merited praise.

CONCLUSION.

I have visited, with one or two exceptions, every Chapter or meeting to which I have been invited, and in every case as Grand First Principal I have been most enthusiastically received and welcomed by the Officers and Companions of the various Chapters, and desire to bear personal testimony

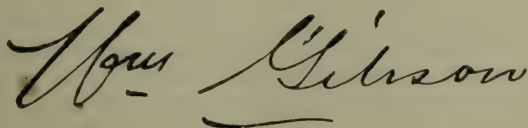
to the interest taken in conferring Degrees, and in conducting the business of their respective Chapters. This high state of efficiency is largely due to the indefatigable exertions of our Grand Superintendents, whose skill and judgment in a very large measure has brought Royal Arch Masonry to its present high standard, for at no time in the history of this Grand Chapter has the Royal Craft been intrusted to better hands than at present. May I say in a word, an army of willing, young, efficient and intelligent Companions, who have the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry at heart.

In R. Ex. Comps Shaw and Martyn, I have been loyally and ably supported.

To the Grand Scribe E. I am under very many personal obligations, and I have no hesitation in stating that Grand Chapter is fortunate in having so able, so earnest and devoted an officer, and my fervent wish is, that he may long be spared as executive officer of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

To the Past Grand First Principals, one and all, I am deeply indebted for advice, sympathy and support given me during my term of office.

I cannot close without first expressing my gratitude to the members of Grand Chapter for unanimously electing me to the honorable position of First Grand Principal of this Grand Chapter one year ago, a position of honor and trust, and one that every member has the right to expect and demand that the honor of Grand Chapter and the dignity of First Grand Principal shall be upheld and maintained, the duties connected therewith faithfully and zealously discharged. And this I have endeavoured to do, to the best of my ability, and if I have come short in any particular, I feel safe in leaving myself in the hands of Grand Chapter, who have in the past been so kind and considerate to me on all occasions, that has made my term of First Grand Principal a period of unalloyed joy and pleasure. Wishing for each and every member God's best and richest blessings for the coming year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Wm. Gilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Grand Z.

BEAMSVILLE, January 22nd, 1902.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor as Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District, which embraces the following Chapters: McNabb, No. 8; Wellington, No. 47; Erie, No. 73; Ark, No. 80; Prince of Wales, No. 71; King Cyrus, No. 119.

I have visited all the Chapters once, and it is with a great deal of satisfaction I am able to state that every Chapter in the District is in good working order.

My first visit was to McNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, on April the 2nd, and witnessed the R. A. degree conferred in a most creditable manner. The total membership of the Chapter is 45, petitions accepted, two; candidates initiated, two; withdrawals, one; suspensions, three; deaths, one. Average attendance: members, ten; visitors, two. Number of meetings held: regular, nine; emergent, one; total, ten; annual dues per member, \$1.20; Grand Chapter dues, twenty cents; \$1.40. Liabilities of Chapter, none; Z. works all the degrees; number of members as per last return, forty-eight. This Chapter has hardly held its own. My visit to this Chapter was a very pleasant one, and I very much enjoyed the very creditable manner in which the work was done in the R. A. Degree, all the officers acquitting themselves nobly.

Companion J. B. Carscallen, Scribe E's books are in a neat condition, and he takes a great interest in the Chapter.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47, CHATHAM.—Visited this Chapter on the 13th of June, and witnessed the M. M. M. Degree conferred by the Ex. Z. and all the officers of the Chapter in a most creditable manner. Number of meetings held, regular eleven, emergent four; total, fifteen; average, attendance, fifteen; visitors, two; annual dues per member \$2; number of members as per last return, fifty-eight; number

of petitions accepted, fourteen ; candidates initiated, thirteen ; applications, one ; withdrawals, one ; restorations, none ; suspensions, none ; deaths, one ; present membership, ninety ; degrees conferred, M. M. M., thirteen ; M. E. M., eleven ; R. A., ten ; number of members twelve months in arrears, twenty-seven ; liabilities of Chapter, none ; assets of Chapter, \$350 ; cash or securities, \$110 ; dues outstanding, \$234 ; insurance, \$200. The larger portion of the dues outstanding will be collected at the next Convocation of the Chapter. This Chapter made an increase during the year of ten. Comp. Alex. Gregor, S.E., keeps his books in a neat and correct manner. Ex. Companion Benson, Z., performed the duties of First Principal in a most creditable manner, in fact all the officers performed their work in an excellent manner. The prospects of this Chapter are excellent.

ERIE CHAPTER, No. 73, RIDGETOWN.—I visited this Chapter the 8th of July and witnessed the R. A. Degree conferred in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner. The First Principal and all the officers performed their duties in a most creditable manner, with Companion G. Middleditch as S. E., who looks carefully after the finances of the Chapter, and keeps the books in a most neat and correct manner, and is a host in himself in looking after the prosperity of the Chapter. I am sorry from some cause I did not receive from this Chapter Summary of Information, but what I had the pleasure of witnessing as to the able manner the work was performed and the interest taken by the officials and Companions, I would be safe in saying the Chapter is in a prosperous condition.

ARK CHAPTER, No. 80, WINDSOR.—I visited this Chapter on the 14th of October and witnessed the work done in the R. A. Degree to my entire satisfaction. Comp. R. H. Revell as Ex. Z., performed the duties as First Principal in a most praiseworthy manner, and was ably assisted by R. E. Companion Thos. Peters, who is a veteran in the work. The work was done in a very able manner, in fact all the officers were well up in their work. The books of the Chapter are kept in a most neat and correct manner by Companion A. E. Edgar, who takes an active part in looking after the finances of the Chapter. They entertained me at a most magnificent banquet at the close, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

Number of meetings held, regular, 11 ; emergent, 4 ; total, 15 ; average attendance, 16 ; annual dues per member, \$3 ; number of members as per last return, 103 ; petitions accepted, 8 ; candidates initiated, 8 ; affiliations, none ; restorations, none ; withdrawals, 4 ; suspensions, 11 ; deaths, 2 ; present membership, 94 ; degrees conferred, M.M.M., 8 ; M.E.M., 8 ; R.A., 8 ; number of members, 12 months in arrears, 27 ; liabilities of Chapter, none ; assets, \$972.36 ; cash or securities, \$317.86 ; property, \$500 ; dues outstanding, \$154.50 ; amount insured, \$300.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 71, AMHERSTBURG.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the 25th of November, I found one of the most efficient staff of officers in St. Clair District. I may say all the officers were almost perfect in their work, and I had the pleasure to witness the ceremony in the R. A. Degree, and I must say that I never witnessed more perfect work, every officer being accurate in his part. The Principal Z. performed the work in a most satisfactory manner. The books of the Chapter are kept in a neat and perfect manner by Comp. Thos. Hobley, M.D., who takes a great interest in the progress of the Chapter. I can safely say that their Chapter is in a prosperous condition. They entertained me at a banquet of which I must say I felt proud. Number of meetings held regular 8, emergent, 3, total, 11 ; average attendance, — ; annual dues per member, \$2 ; number of members as per last return, 35 ; petitions accepted, 2 ; candidates initiated, 1 ; affiliations, none ; restorations, none ; withdrawals, none ; suspensions, none ; deaths, none ; present membership, 37 ; degrees conferred, M. M. M., 1 ; M. E. M., 2 ; R. A., 2 ; number of members 12 months in arrear, 26 ; liabilities (per cent. only), \$25 ; assets, \$171.50 ; cash or securities, \$35.49 ; property, \$175 to \$200 ; dues outstanding, \$176.50 ; insurance ——. Prospects good. Z. can work all degrees.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 119, LEAMINGTON.—This is my own Chapter and although the youngest Chapter in the St. Clair District, it stands second to none in work and enthusiasm. With Ex. Companion Hillier as Z., who is second to none in the District, and J. S. Greenhill as Scribe E., who carefully looks after the finances of the Chapter, it is bound to prosper. At last Convocation the work in the M. M. M. and R. A. Degrees was done in a very creditable manner.

Average attendance, 11 ; visitors, 2 ; annual dues, per member, \$2 ; number of members as per last report, 44 ; petitions accepted, 3 ; candidates initiated, 2 ; applications, 1 ; withdrawals, 1 ; suspensions, 2 ; deaths, none ; present membership, 45 ; liabilities of Chapter, none ; assets, cash, \$100 ; property, \$150 ; dues outstanding, \$34.50 ; amount of insurance, none ; degrees conferred, M. M. M., 3, M. E. M., 4, R. A., 6 ; number of members 12 months in arrears, 4.

In conclusion I desire to return most sincere thanks to the Companions of St. Clair District, No. 1, for the kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office and for the very cordial manner in which they received me on all my official visits and to express my deep gratitude for the honor done me in recommending my appointment as Grand Superintendent. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. COULSON,

Grand Superintendent, St. Clair District, No. 1.
Leamington, January 9th, 1902.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

As Grand Superintendent of this District, I take much pleasure in presenting my report, and would say that the condition and prospects of Capitular Masonry in the District are very satisfactory in every way. Each of the seven Chapters in the District is progressing and appears to be in a very satisfactory condition. The Companions are all enthusiastic and work for the advancement of the Order. About the only direction in which I could suggest any improvement is in the matter of dues. It appears to me that they are not collected promptly, and that there are too many outstanding in some cases. This is a matter that could be remedied by a little more energy on the part of the officer entrusted with this branch of the work.

During the past year, the Masonic Temple Building, in London, which was destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt, and the several Lodges and Chapters in that city are now comfortably and very pleasantly housed in the new building, which is first class in every way, and the Lodge Rooms are

very beautifully and completely furnished. This should have a very stimulating effect upon the members of the Order there, as they have every reason to be proud of the quarters in which they now find themselves.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, LONDON.—I commenced my official work by visiting this Chapter on the evening of Friday, April 26th, 1901. Upon this occasion I had the distinguished honor of introducing the Most Ex. the Grand Z., Wm. Gibson, who was paying an unofficial visit to the Chapter. There were also present, among many others, the R. Ex. the Grand Scribe E., Geo. J. Bennett, and the late Rt. Ex. Alex. Findlay, of London. The sudden calling away of this distinguished Companion has been a great loss, not only to his Companions, but also to all who had the pleasure of knowing him, and he will be a very great loss to the Order in London. Ex. Comp. R. W. Evans conferred the M. M. Degree, assisted by his officers in a very creditable manner, and I have pleasure in saying that the ceremonies of the evening were carried out in a most satisfactory manner by all. In conclusion a banquet was tendered the Companions which was very much enjoyed. The prospects of this Chapter appear to be excellent. An address was also given by the M. E. the Grand Z., which was most instructive, and should be heard by all Masons that could prevail upon him to repeat it.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 51, SARNIA.—On the evening of June 14th, 1901, I visited this Chapter, accompanied by several of the Companions of Bruce Chapter of Petrolia. Ex. Comp. Geo. S. Samis, assisted by a capable staff of officers, conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon seven candidates, in a most perfect manner. This was the largest number of candidates that I have ever seen exalted on one occasion in the District, and it speaks well for the interest taken in the Royal Craft in Sarnia. They have a very comfortable and well equipped Chapter Room, the attendance was large, and the work of all the officers was beyond reproach. The best of harmony prevails, and the prospects of this Chapter are excellent.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 3, LONDON.—This Chapter was visited by me on the evening of September 25th, 1901. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. O.

Ellwood, with the assistance of his officers, and the work was done in an impressive and correct manner, and in such a way that the Grand Superintendent found that, as far as this Chapter was concerned, the duties of his office were very light indeed. This occasion was memorable, from the fact that it was the first Chapter meeting to be held in the new and beautiful rooms of the restored Temple Building in London. From all that I saw there, I am of the opinion that the future of this Chapter will be a bright one, so long as it is in the charge of Companions like those that I met there.

BRUCE CHAPTER, NO. 53, PETROLIA.—This is my own Chapter, and I paid my official visit there on the evening of October 16th, 1901. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by V. E. Comp. Belasco and his officers, and I must say that he and they fully sustained the excellent reputation that has long been held by this Chapter, for correct and impressive work. The attendance was good, and would have been much larger, but for the fact that a great many of the Companions of this Chapter are scattered practically all over the world, as there are a number of members engaged in business in foreign countries, where I have no doubt that they are upholding the traditions of the Royal Craft in a manner well worthy of their mother Chapter. Bruce Chapter has a good roll of members, working well together, and the prospects for the future are bright.

AYLMER CHAPTER, NO. 81, AYLME.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on the evening of Wednesday, November 27th, 1901. I was hospitably received by the officers and given the freedom of the town until the meeting, when the M. M. Degree was conferred by the acting First Principal and his officers in the manner well known to any visitor to this Chapter, which has long had a reputation for the excellence of the work done there. It was with great regret that I learned of the enforced absence of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. B. Ogilvie, who was confined to his home through illness. It is the sincere wish of myself and all the Companions that he may soon be able to resume his place at the head of this Chapter. Aylmer possesses one of the most comfortable and well-appointed lodge rooms that it has been my privilege to visit, and the Companions have every reason to be proud of their home. The work of the evening was

excellently done, and was particularly interesting from the fact that the candidate was Bro. Hare, recently returned from the South African war, in which he was wounded by a shot through the shoulder, which at the time prevented him from using his right arm. From the accounts of his career in Africa, I think that Aylmer Chapter has secured a member of which they may well be proud. After the serious work of the evening, I was most pleasantly entertained, and also honored with the conferring of several additional mysterious degrees, which I had not heretofore possessed, and which now entitle me to take the precedence over any Mason who has not already obtained them. I shall long remember my visit to this Chapter as one of the most pleasant during my term of office.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, NO. 54, ST. THOMAS.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of December 3rd, 1901. Ex. Comp. Belfrey and his officers conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon three candidates in a very correct and creditable manner, and I again found that, as usual, the duties of the Grand Superintendent, as far as criticism was concerned, were very easy. This Chapter is well equipped in every way, and from the enthusiasm displayed by all the members, I should say was in a very prosperous condition. The work was done in a careful and correct manner, and could not fail to make a good impression, not only upon the several candidates, but also upon all who had the pleasure of witnessing it. St. Thomas resembles Petrolia in that a number of its members are railway men, and therefore, from the nature of their duties, are unable to attend as regularly as they would desire. At the same time the number present was very good, and the prospects of the Chapter are bright.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, NO. 78, PARKHILL.—It is a matter of deep regret that I was unable to make a visit to this Chapter. Upon the evening at first appointed, I unexpectedly found that, owing to pressing business matters, I would have to cancel the engagement, and for similar reasons, have been unable to make it convenient to visit them before the close of my term of office. From all that I have heard, however, I think that the prospects of this Chapter are satisfactory in every way, and that they have a good future before them.

On the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, October

16th, 1901, I held a Chapter of Instruction in Petrolia, at which the M. M. and M. E. M. Degrees were conferred in the afternoon by the officers of Wawanosh Chapter of Sarnia, and the R. A. Degree in the evening by the officers of Bruce Chapter of Petrolia. A number of the Companions from the District were present, in addition to those of the local Chapter. The work in both instances was done in a highly creditable and impressive manner, and I have no doubt was interesting and instructive to all those who were present.

Taking the District as a whole, I think that the best of harmony and good will now prevails, and that the future of this branch of the Order in London District is very bright. The members of the Order are active and hardworking, and I think are doing all in their power for the good of the Craft.

Faternally submitted,

W. F. COOPER,

Grand Superintendent, London District, No. 2.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

No.	Name.	Location.	Meetings.			Average Attendance.		Membership.								Degrees Conferred.			Annual Dues.	No. 12 Months in Arrears.	Liabilities of Chapter.	Assets of Chapter.		Dues Outstanding.	Amount of Insurance.	Prospects of Chapter.	Can Ex. Z. Work all Degrees?
			Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Members.	Visitors.	As per last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Initiations.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Number.	M. M. M.	M. E. M.				R. A.	Cash or Securities.					Property.
3	St. Johns.....	London.....	10	3	13	20	5	164	24	16	1	1	3	...	3	176	16	15	14	\$2 00	48	\$30 00	\$125 00	\$500 00	\$400 00	Good.	Yes.
5	St. Georges.....	"	10	2	12	25	5	136	10	8	...	...	2	...	1	141	8	9	9	2 00	29	.....	200 00	500 00	300 00	Good.	Yes.
53	Bruce	Petrolia.....	10	4	14	14	3	90	6	6	1	...	...	...	...	98	6	6	7	2 00	23	.....	.....	300 00	250 00	Excellent.	Yes.
54	Palestine	St. Thomas.....	12	4	16	22	2	134	16	13	4	...	...	2	1	148	13	13	13	1 00	21	.....	217 81	300 00	300 00	Good	Yes
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	11	7	18	24	2	131	25	24	...	...	5	2	1	147	24	25	25	1 50	25	.....	300 00	.....	1000 00	Excellent.	Yes.
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer	9	3	12	20	1	61	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	65	3	2	2	2 00	6	.....	.....	350 00	Carried by Blue L.	()	Yes.

W. F. COOPER,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 2.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

I beg to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District.

It affords me great pleasure to state that peace and harmony have been unbroken in the District throughout the year, not a Masonic complaint or irregularity having been brought before me. The returns show an increase of membership and that all of the Chapters have done exceedingly well. I have received regularly the notices of Convocations from the Scribes E. of the different Chapters and was consequently kept posted in the work being done in the District.

I am pleased to report that the Ex. Z. of each Chapter can work all the Degrees and do the same in a thorough manner.

BRANT CHAPTER, NO. 116, PARIS.—This Chapter which was so low two years ago, I am pleased to say is now one of the best in Wilson District. They now report a membership of 33, an increase of 6 during the year, and Degrees conferred on all candidates. Liabilities are nil with property worth \$250.00, insurance \$200.00.

On my official visit the Royal Arch was conferred. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the officers on the perfect manner in which the work was done. Every officer from the Ex. Z. to the J. S. knew his part and did it as it should be.

EZRA CHAPTER, NO. 23, SIMCOE.—I visited this Chapter on December 13th, 1901. The attendance was 87. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred, and from the manner in which same was done showed that the officers of Ezra Chapter give a lot of time to study their work. The Degree was well and correctly conferred.

This is by far the largest Chapter in Wilson District, and all Companions are proud and enthusiastic of Ezra Chapter. My visit was a most enjoyable one, visitors being present from Hamilton, Woodstock, Delhi, and Waterford. Membership, 119; assets, \$758.70; cash, \$358.70; property, \$400.00; dues outstanding, \$75.00; insurance, \$400.00. The prospects of this Chapter are very bright.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL.—This Chapter has not made much progress in membership during the last year. The Companions all seem to take a lively interest in the work, and I have no doubt that during the coming year a larger increase will be made. Membership now is 54 ; liabilities, \$40 ; cash on hand, \$60 ; property, \$300 ; dues outstanding, \$140 ; insurance, \$200. I am pleased to report that the Ex. Z. can work all the Degrees in a very satisfactory manner.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter in November last and found the Chapter then in a flourishing condition. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a most perfect manner, a large number of Companions being present of their own members and from Paris and Woodstock.

The evening was a very pleasant one and one long to be remembered by those present.

The report of this Chapter sent in last year showing membership of 72 was wrong, the withdrawals, suspensions and deaths not being deducted.

The present membership is 61 ; cash on hand, \$97 ; liabilities, nil ; property, \$800 ; insurance, \$600. Prospects of Chapter good.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK.—This Chapter being in the city where I reside I have been present at all of the Convocations and saw the three Degrees conferred on several occasions both by the Ex. Z., and Past Zs. of the Chapter. This Chapter is in a very flourishing condition, and as the returns show 13 petitions being accepted and 8 of them have now received their R. A. Degree. The officers of this Chapter are well skilled. They know their work and perform it perfectly. Membership is 66 ; liabilities, nil ; cash on hand, \$76.37 ; property, \$300 ; insurance, \$250. The prospects of this Chapter are very bright.

In conclusion I beg to thank the officers and Companions of the District for the very kind reception they gave me at all times and also for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent of Wilson District, No. 3.

All of the above which is fraternally submitted.

J. HAMILTON,
Grand District Supt., Wilson District, No. 3, R.A.M.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

As Grand Superintendent I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry during the past twelve months within the bounds of Wellington District, No. 4. In the District there are five Chapters in active operation, namely: Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph; Enterprise, No. 67, Harriston; Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville, and Berlin, No. 117, Berlin, with one which may fairly be regarded as dormant—Seymour, No. 38, Shelburne. My inspection and reference to the annexed statistical return warrant the statement that this branch of the Masonic Order is making good progress, and that the prospects are undoubtedly encouraging. On an average every Chapter has held a meeting each month, and the attendance, while not so great as the membership would seem to call for, is, considering the draft made upon the time of the people for society purposes, perhaps all that should be expected. There is a net gain of twenty-six members in four of the Chapters during the year—the fifth records the same number as in 1900, but in this case a more liberal application of the suspension rule took place. It is to be regretted that there is a considerable amount of dues outstanding, and it would be a matter of good business policy if some effective method could be devised to mitigate the evil. Experience teaches that members much in arrears are not noted for regular attendance at the meetings. It is subject for congratulation that the number of deaths has been small, only three being reported. The total number of members in good standing at the end of the year was 294. The furniture and equipment of the Chapters are insured in every case except one, and it is to be hoped that that one will follow the good example set by the others. In almost every case the First Principal can confer the Degrees efficiently—in one instance only fair ability is reported in this respect, but in that there are circumstances which may be urged in mitigation. It is perhaps desirable that the beautiful ritual of the Order should be given more impressively than seems to be the rule. The interest to both candidates and listeners would be greatly enhanced, and the proceedings made in every way more

attractive. The officers, it may be said, are men of more than ordinary ability—a little additional care and study is all that is required.

I have received the notices of meetings with reasonable regularity from the various Scribe E.'s. In one or two cases failure to transmit was due to the fact that a new officer was in charge of the books. In several of the notices it may be said that particulars relating to candidates for the ballot are not so full as might be desired. The minute books and books of account are generally well kept, and it is safe to say that the officers having charge of this branch of duty are worthy of high commendation.

Among general matters dealt with were the transmission of a very fine set of by-laws adopted by Guelph Chapter, No. 40, for the approval of the M. E. the Grand Z., and an application for a dispensation from the Grand First Principal to enable the Companions of Ionic Chapter, Orangeville, to elect and instal their officers for the current year on dates other than those specified in their by-laws. Some difficulty was occasioned early in the year on account of an objection taken by a Companion to the nomination of Ex. Comp. R. Dowling, of Enterprise Chapter, Harriston, to an appointed office in Grand Chapter, he not having attained the rank of P.Z. The mistake occurred by a natural inadvertence, but the M. E. the Grand Z., I believe, is disposed to consider favorably the valuable service rendered for a long period of years to the Craft by Ex. Comp. Dowling and to suggest a proper and fair correction of the difficulty. I had the pleasure of meeting M. E. Comp. Gibson, the Grand Z., at meetings held at Galt and Orangeville, and it is needless to say they were of the most enthusiastic description and are referred to specifically in paragraphs elsewhere. I have to thank the Grand Scribe E. for many courtesies, and Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on having such an efficient, painstaking and courteous officer. I have also to acknowledge the most kindly reception and hospitable entertainment by the Companions of the various Chapters, and resign my keys of office with the most happy recollections of the past year. I supply the following notes of the individual Chapters :—

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, NO. 67, HARRISTON.—I visited this Chapter on the 6th May last, and as I had the honor to be a charter member on its organization some twenty-five

years ago, the visit proved of special interest. There was an excellent muster of members and visitors, among those present being R. Ex. Comp. R. Mahoney, of Guelph, widely known as an enthusiastic Mason. Two candidates, the Master and Assistant Master of the High School, were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. The Chapter is in excellent shape, has a steady series of applications for admission, the increase in membership last year being fourteen, there are practically no dues in arrears, and its financial condition is good ; but it is the one Chapter in the District having no insurance on its property. The books are well kept by an efficient Scribe E. and the Chapter funds are properly invested. At the close of the meeting an excellent banquet was served, largely attended and much enjoyed by those present, winding up with a hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."

WATERLOO CHAPTER, NO. 32, GALT.—My official visit was paid to Galt on the 10th June, and was made especially notable by the presence of our genial and well-beloved Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Gibson. The attendance was good, the work being the exaltation of two candidates, one a clergyman of much ability, and the other the manager of a local bank. An interesting feature of the meeting, greatly appreciated, was a lecture delivered by M. E. Comp. Gibson on Masons and stone-squarers' marks, ancient and modern, dealing with the practical and operative side of the subject, with illustrations and lessons to be applied to the symbolic phase of the system. This Chapter is in excellent hands, and is happy in the possession of a good Scribe E. At the close of the proceedings refreshments were served in the dining room of the Chapter and the caterers excelled themselves in the quality of the spread. A splendid programme was provided, including very fine vocal selections supplied by Waterloo Chapter choir, an excellent address on Masonic topics by Rev. R. E. Knowles, and a continuation of the interesting lecture of the Grand Z. Ex. Comp. A. J. Oliver, First Principal of the Chapter, presided with conspicuous ability, and on the whole the gathering will long remain as a pleasant memory with those who were privileged to be present.

IONIC CHAPTER, NO. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—This is the Chapter of which I am a member, and my official visit was paid on the 1st October. The M. E. the Grand Z. visited the Chapter on this occasion, I fear at some personal incon-

venience, but, as in the case noted above, the result has already been of marked benefit to the Royal Craft in the town and neighborhood, and this, I am sure, will be his sufficient recompense. The attendance was good, and the work, as in the other case, was the exaltation of two candidates. I may be pardoned for saying that the work was well done, and, I believe, to the satisfaction of the distinguished visitor. The Grand Z. again favored the Companions with his lecture on Masons' marks, and, it is needless to say, was greatly appreciated. The prospects of this Chapter are good. I had the pleasure of installing the new officers on the 9th inst., and can testify that they are thoroughly competent and have the welfare of the Order greatly at heart. Several of the past officers attend and render efficient help, and among these are R. E. Comp. Mann, P.G.S., and Ex. Comp. Irvine, at present D.D.G.M. of the Wellington District, both tried and true Masons. The usual refreshments were served after the business of the meeting was over and were, of course, much enjoyed. The social feature in Masonry cannot be too highly encouraged.

GUELPH CHAPTER, NO. 40, GUELPH.—This happens to be my mother Chapter, in which I was exalted to the R. A. Degree on the 20th January, 1871. My official visit was paid to it on the 11th October last. Unfortunately for the success of the occasion, but fortunately for the higher politics of the Dominion, H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York and his gracious wife were touring the country at the time, and passed through Guelph on the following day. Several candidates who were expected for degrees were not in attendance and many of the members were out of town. No business of importance was transacted, but proceedings were taken which resulted in the election of a worthy Mason, V. E. Comp. Gemmell, to honorary membership in the Chapter at a succeeding meeting. Guelph is a prosperous and growing centre, and the Chapter has an excellent future before it. Among its membership are many old and worthy Masons and the welfare of the Chapter is safe in their hands.

BERLIN CHAPTER, NO. 117, BERLIN.—This is the only Chapter I have not, for reasons beyond my control, been able to visit. I have, however, kept up connection with it by correspondence, with several of the officers, and I am pleased to

believe that the future of the Chapter is bright. On the 26th January last, the building in which the Chapter held its meetings was destroyed by fire, and all the furniture and material used by the Companions were lost. Fortunately the goods were insured to an amount sufficient to cover the loss, so that the only inconvenience suffered was the temporary ejection from a place of meeting. New and comfortable quarters have since been obtained and the life of the Chapter promises to advance with even greater success than in the past. The Scribe E. in a letter recently received from him, informs me that a number of young and studious members have been recently added, who are determined to fit themselves for the work to be done, and that the outlook for 1902 is exceedingly favorable.

SEYMOUR CHAPTER, NO. 38, SHELBURNE.—This Chapter was established at Shelburne on the 22nd and 23rd of March, 1894, on the petition of the Companions at Bradford, Ont., who had allowed their Chapter to become dormant, and asked that in the interests of Capitular Masonry the warrant might be committed to the Companions at Shelburne. A dispensation was granted for the election and installation of the officers at Shelburne on the dates mentioned. The arrangement was carried into effect, and on the occasion some twenty-three brethren were advanced to the various Chapter degrees. The life of the Chapter was somewhat fitful from the beginning, although the membership comprised many good Masons, men of excellent standing in a business and social way. Only four new members were afterwards added during the existence of the Chapter. At the meeting held June 12th, 1896, it was, on motion, "called off" for four months, and no further record appears of another meeting. On the 26th January, 1897, the Chapter room was destroyed by fire, and the warrant and furniture were lost in the flames. The minute book was fortunately in the possession of the Scribe E., and is about the only relic remaining. Several attempts were made to secure a revival but were ineffectual. During the year I have corresponded with leading members, P. Z.'s and others, with the view of ascertaining what prospect existed of re-establishing the Chapter, but have been assured that owing to many removals by death and otherwise there is no immediate hope of doing so. I have received through the I. P. Z. the minute book, which contains the dispensation from the then M. E.

Grand Z., authorizing the removal from Bradford and the organization at Shelburne, and have transmitted it to R. E. Comp. Bennett, the Grand Scribe E. It appears by the report of my predecessor in the proceedings of Convocation of Grand Chapter that Seymour Chapter was by him duly summoned to show cause why its warrant should not be forfeited under Article 6, Section 16, of the Constitution, but that no reply was given and no cause shown. In all the circumstances I am constrained to recommend that the number should be erased from the list of Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JNO. McLAREN,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 4.

Orangeville, January 20th, 1902.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

Name of Chapter.	No.	Meetings Held.			Average Attendance.	Annual Dues per Member.	No. of Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Advanced.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	Degrees Conferred			No. of Members 12 Months in Arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets of Chapter.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Insurance Carried.	Prospects of Chapter.	Can Ex. Z. Work all Degrees?	Gain.	Loss.	
		Regular.	Emergent.	Total.												Members.	Visitors.	M. M. M.												M. E. M.	Royal Arch.
Waterloo.....	32	10	..	10	15	4	\$2 00	52	9	4	2	..	2	4	..	52	6	7	4	18	\$51 00	\$350 00	\$50 00	\$300 00	\$119 00	\$250 00	Good.	Yes.	..	..
Guelp.....	40	11	..	11	13	1	* 2 00	69	4	4	..	1	2	..	2	70	5	1	1	7	81 93	480 50	30 50	450 00	70 00	200 00	Good.	Yes.	1	..
Enterprise.....	67	12	1	13	20	1	1 00	51	17	14	..	..	..	..	..	65	14	14	12	2	..	..	..	..	..	Good.	Only Fairly.	14	..	
Ionic.....	83	10	2	12	12	1	1 00	62	4	4	..	..	..	..	1	65	4	4	4	49	25 00	350 00	50 00	300 00	85 90	200 00	Good.	Yes.	3	..
Berlin	117	10	3	13	10	1	2 00	34	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	42	8	6	6	17	..	452 00	52 00	400 00	55 00	300 00	Good.	Yes.	8	..

* \$2.00 for residents ; \$1.00 for non-residents.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor, as Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for the year 1901.

The District consists of four Chapters, viz., Hiram, No. 2, and St. John's, No. 6, of the city of Hamilton, St. Clair, No. 75, of the town of Milton, and White Oak, No. 104, of Oakville.

I have visited all the above Chapters, and am glad to report that harmony prevails throughout the District, and all of the Chapters have increased in membership. The prospects of St. Clair Chapter are not at all encouraging, they seem to lack the zeal to make their Chapter as prosperous as it should be. The enthusiasm which should be found among the members is wanting. The old reliables, R. E. Comps. Fraser and Panton, are usually to be found at their meetings, but the one great evil that exists is non-attendance. It is difficult to get a sufficient number of members together to work the Chapter, and as a natural result the Companions become indifferent and lose the interest in its welfare.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—I visited this Chapter on July 9th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Robinson, Joyce, Holmer, Ford and Comp. Quance. The attendance was small. No degree work was done on this occasion, but the officers proved themselves capable of performing the opening and closing ceremonies and conducting the business of the Chapter in a satisfactory manner. I again visited this Chapter on September 12th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Ferrah, Ex. Comps. Morden, Joyce, Robinson, Holmer, Ford, Marlatt, Comp. Quance and others, when the M. E. M. Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. E. Bates of St. Clair, in a satisfactory manner, being well supported by the subordinate officers of White Oak Chapter, after which the R. A. Degree was conferred on four candidates by the officers of White Oak Chapter in a very correct and impressive manner. With this new material I trust that the Companions will put forth their best efforts to become a more active Chapter

HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2, HAMILTON.—On November 22nd I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Robinson, Ford, and Comp. Andrew. Had the pleasure of meeting the M. Ex. the Grand Z. This Chapter contains quite a number of zealous Companions and is in a very flourishing condition, having made great progress during the year, and is without doubt the most active Chapter in the District. The Scribe E. is a hustler, and his books are well kept, and the proceedings of the Chapter well recorded. The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. Sache, Z. ; Ex. Comp. Lancefield, H.; Ex. Comp. Peene, J. ; while the subordinate officers excelled themselves. I then presided over the election of officers, when a fine staff was chosen, Companions capable of doing good work and looking well to the interest of their Chapter. The prospects of the Chapter are very good. We were right royally entertained.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—On December 12th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Robinson and Ford, I visited this Chapter. The progress of the Chapter is steady, with an efficient set of officers who still maintain the reputation of doing good and perfect work. The books of the Scribe E. are models of neatness and correct in every detail. I was pleased to see the large number of Companions present on this occasion, it being Past Principals' night. They exemplified the Royal Arch Degree in an able and perfect manner, and can say that this Degree has lost none of its old time grandeur and impressiveness in its exemplification by the Past Principals of St. John's Chapter. Among them were the M. Ex. Grand Z., and P. Grand Z., R. Ex. the Grand Treasurer, R. Ex. Comps. D. McPhie, J. Malloy and a number of others distinguished in the Royal Craft. A pleasant event of the evening was the presentation of Past Principal jewels to R. E. Comps T. McCallum and Ex. Comp. Smith by M. Ex. Comp. W. Gibson and R. E. Comp. Birrell. The election of officers then took place, over which I presided. A choice selection was made, which should give a good account of itself at the end of the term. The prospects of the Chapter are bright. We then retired to the banquet room, when the Companions did full justice in partaking of the excellent repast provided by the Chapter, afterwards an hour was spent in song and speech-making.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, NO. 104, OAKVILLE.—To my mother Chapter I have always taken a great interest in its welfare, I was present at every Convocation during the year. The officers are energetic and efficient, and pride themselves in doing good work. They have conferred the degrees of M. M. M., M. E. M. and R. A. on six candidates during the year, which is a good showing considering that we have only Oakville Lodge to draw from. I installed the officers at our last Convocation, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Ferrah and E. Comp. Robinson. The officers installed are both willing and capable of doing good work, and the prospects of the Chapter are good.

In conclusion I desire to return my sincere thanks to the Companions of the Hamilton District for the honour conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter and the kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office, and I sincerely trust that the harmony and good feeling at present existing may continue to prevail throughout the District.

W. H. SPEERS.

Grand Superintendent, Hamilton District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

Chapter No.		NAME OF CHAPTER.		PLACE.	
2	Hiram.....			Hamilton.....	
6	St. John's.....			Hamilton.....	
75	St. Clair.....			Milton.....	
104	White Oak.....			Oakville.....	
		Meet-ings.	Regular.	12	2 14
			Emergent.	12	1 13
			Total.	6	0 6
				9	2 11
		Average Attendance.	Members.	13	2 15
			Visitors.	13	2 15
			Total.	13	2 15
		Membership.			
		No. of Members, Dec. 31, 1900.			
		Petitions Accepted.			
		No. of Candidates Advanced.			
		Affiliations.			
		Restorations.			
		Withdrawals.			
		Suspensions.			
		Deaths.			
		No. of Members, Dec. 31, 1901.			
		M. M. M.			
		M. E. M.			
		Royal Arch.			
		Dues.			
		No. of Members in Arrears.			
		Outstanding Dues.			
		Assets.			
		Liabilities.			
		Property.			
		Insurance.			
		Prospects of Chapter.			
		Can Ex. Z. Work all Degrees ?			

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

As Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No 6, I have the honor to submit my report as to the condition of Masonry in this District. It affords me great pleasure to state that while there is no noticeable boom, yet Capitular Masonry is making steady progress in Huron District. Every Chapter reports an increase in membership during the year, a total increase in the District of 59. I had the honor of constituting two new Chapters in this District during my official term, the first at Southampton to be known as Chantry Chapter, which should have a good field for work as it is twenty-seven miles from a sister Chapter, and the other at Walkerton, also a good field for Chapter work. Saugeen Chapter was once located at Walkerton but having been allowed to become dormant was transferred to Mitchell. I have recommended that the Walkerton Chapter receive their old charter and that a new one be granted to Mitchell. As both Chapters are agreeable to this arrangement it should present little difficulty and would be more appropriate in point of name and association than at present. This makes nine Chapters in Huron District which is now the largest under the jurisdiction of your Grand Chapter.

On Nov. 27th I held a Chapter of Instruction in the rooms of the Malloch Chapter, Seaforth, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which was well attended by Companions from the District. Among those present were, Rt. Ex. Comp. Dr. Martyn, of Kincardine, Grand J.; Rt. Ex. Comps. W. Elliott, of Mitchell, and Chris McLellan, of Stratford, Past Grand Superintendents. The day was most pleasantly and profitably spent. The Mark Degree was conferred on a candidate by Ex. Comp. Capt. Lawson and officers of Huron Chapter, Goderich, in such a manner as to admit of little chance for criticism. The M. E. M. was exemplified by Ex. Comp. L. C. Jackson and officers of Malloch Chapter in good style, after which an adjournment was made for luncheon to the Commercial Hotel. At 2 o'clock the Chapter resumed labor when a candidate was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by Rt. Ex. Comp. McLellan and officers

of Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford. This degree was conferred in such an able and impressive manner as to win the admiration of all present, and I have no hesitation in saying that Rt. Ex. Comp. McLellan has few, if any, peers in Masonic work in your jurisdiction. Prin. Soj. Stevenson was also highly complimented for the excellent manner in which he filled that important office. Several addresses were given by the officers present and all spoke of it as being one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held in Huron District.

OFFICIAL VISITS.—I am pleased to report that I have been able to visit every Chapter in this District once and sometimes twice, and that the utmost harmony prevails. Not once have I been called upon to settle the slightest dispute.

HURON CHAPTER, No 30, GODERICH. — On Thursday evening, April 18th, I visited Huron Chapter, one of the oldest in the District, here I found a fair attendance and saw the Royal Arch Degree very well conferred by Ex. Comp. Lawson and his officers on a candidate. This Chapter has since moved into new rooms which are fitted up in modern style and will be now prepared to do better work than ever. Comp. Lye of this Chapter is an excellent Scribe Ezra and has his books in good shape, indeed this applies to all the Chapters with perhaps one exception. I found the Scribes most particular in forwarding to me notices of all meetings, and it is to their zeal and fidelity much of the prosperity attending the District is due.

CHANCERY CHAPTER, U. D., SOUTHAMPTON.—Monday, June 24th, I visited the pretty little town of Southampton in company of Rt. Ex. Comp. Dr. Martyn, Grand J., and several Kincardine Companions, where we constituted Chantry Chapter and conferred the Mark Degree on five candidates. I have since made a second visit to this Chapter and assisted in raising six Companions to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. This young Chapter has excellent prospects and should give a good account of itself in the future. The Chapter's furniture and appointments are among the best in the District.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—I visited this Chapter on Tuesday evening, June 26th, when I was well received by Rt. Ex. Comp. Dr. Martyn, Grand J., Rt. Ex.

Comp. Hall, Ex. Comp. Campbell, the presiding officer, and others. As I had already seen the officers do work at Southampton, and the evening being very warm, I did not ask for more than opening and closing in the several degrees which were well done. A very pleasant time was spent in the refreshment room afterwards.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—On Tuesday, Nov. 16th, I visited Lebanon Chapter, Wingham. This Chapter has for the last two or three years been nearly dormant, but now seems to have taken on new life. Some excellent material has been brought in and its prospects were never brighter than at present. The Mark degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Burton and officers on two medical men during my visit, and although some of the officers were new to their positions it was rendered very well indeed.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.—On Monday, Nov. 18th, I visited Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford. This is the oldest and strongest in the District. Here I met a number of old time craftsmen, among whom were Rt. Ex. Comp. Chris McLellan, Past Grand Superintendent; Rt. Ex. Comp. McKellar, Past Grand Registrar, Ex. Comp. J. Russel Stuart and others. This Chapter has an excellent staff of officers who take pride in rendering the work in a correct and impressive manner. The Mark Degree was conferred on a candidate in a creditable manner, and as I also had the pleasure of seeing the officers of this Chapter confer the Royal Arch at the Chapter of Instruction to which reference has already been made, I am in a good position to judge of the efficiency of Tecumseh Chapter.

SAUGEEN CHAPTER, No. 50, MITCHELL.—I visited Saugeen Chapter, Mitchell, on Nov. 21st, in company with Ex. Comp. Pearce, of Seaforth. This is a young Chapter but does splendid work. Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Elliott is again the presiding officer, and as he has every little detail of Chapter ritual down to a very fine point it is needless to say that the Mark Degree conferred during my visit was done in a perfect and masterly manner.

ST. JAMES' CHAPTER, No 45, ST. MARYS.—This is the smallest Chapter in the District but is by no means the least

important. The officers are among the very best skilled in the District. As I had not received any notices of meetings from the Scribe Ezra I was not expecting very much, but on my official visit Ex. Comp. Carman exemplified the Royal Arch Degree in a manner that was a credit to himself and his Chapter. The Prin. Soj. also had the work up perfectly, so also had the Master of the Veils. Rt. Ex. Comp. H. Fred Sharp is a member of this Chapter and is a skilled workman. I derived a great deal of pleasure from my visit to St. James.

THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, No. 66, SEAFORTH. — On Dec. 16th I visited Malloch Chapter officially. As this is my own Chapter and I am present at every meeting I have frequent opportunities of seeing the officers at work. There are several Past Principals here who are all good workmen and are ever ready to assist at any time. This Chapter is in good condition financially and has a convenient and well appointed Chapter room.

WALKERTON.—On Monday, Jan. 13th, I visited the town of Walkerton, the county town of Bruce, in company with Ex. Comp. Jackson, the presiding officer of the Malloch Chapter, and at the request of the Grand Z. I instituted a new Chapter under dispensation and installed the presiding officers who were from among the very best men of the place. Very Ex. Comp. R. C. Cheswright, a most enthusiastic Chapter man, formerly of Seaforth, was installed as First Principal, and from what I know of the other officers I believe it bids fair to be one of the most prosperous Chapters in the District before many years.

In closing my term of office I must express the pleasure I have experienced in my several visits. The Companions everywhere have been most kind and generous in my reception and entertainment. I thank the Companions of the District for the honor conferred on me, and I hope that my humble efforts will not be without some fruit for the advancement of Capitar Masonry in Huron District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALTER HODGINS,
Grand Superintendent, Huron District, No. 6.

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6. Report for Year Ending December 31st, 1901

No.	Chapter.	Location.	Meet-ings.			Average Attendance.	Visitors.	Annual Dues.	No. of Members as per Last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	Degrees Con-ferred.			Liabilities.	Assets.			Dues Outstanding.	Amount of Insurance.	Prospects of Chapter.	Can Ex. Z. Confer all Degrees?	Remarks.	
			Regular.	Emergent.	Total.													M. M. M.	M. E. M.	R. A.		Cash or Securities.	Property.	Total						
24	Tecumseh	Stratford.....	10	3	13	13	1	\$1 50	97	4	4	1	1	1	..	1	103	4	2	3	18	Nil.	\$ 73 70	\$ 225 00	\$ 298 70	\$ 44 23	\$ 175 00	Excellent.	Yes.	
30	Huron.	Goderich.....	7	1	8	10	1	2 00	58	4	3	2	..	1	..	..	61	3	3	3	40	Nil.	30 00	250 00	450 00	200 00	150 00	Good.	Yes.	
45	St. James'	St. Mary's.....	10	1	11	11	1	1 50	31	4	2	..	..	..	..	2	31	2	2	2	..	Nil.	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good	Yes.	
50	Saugeen.....	Mitchell.....	8	..	8	11	1	3 00	28	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	31	3	2	2	9	Nil.	40 00	34 00	120 27	81 27	Nil.	Very Good	Yes.	Much of the out-standing dues will be collected before long.
63	Havelock.....	Kincardine	8	4	12	14	1	2 00	55	10	1	1	1	3	..	..	64	8	7	10	23	Nil.	40 00	400 00	440 00	120 00	200 00	Good.	Yes.	
66	Malloch	Seaforth.....	9	2	11	15	3	3 00	32	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	36	4	4	4	2	Nil.	60 00	... ..	200 00	40 00	100 00	Good.	Yes.	
84	Lebanon	Wingham.....	9	..	9	11	1	3 00	23	6	6	..	..	1	..	..	33	6	4	5	12	\$32 40	83 86	25 00	189 46	81 60	.....	Good.	Yes.	
J. D.	Chantry.....	Southampton...	2	2	4	10	3	2 50	..	12	6	..	..	..	..	..	18	6	5	..	.....	.....	21 25	175 00	196 00	.....	.....	Good.	Yes.	
J. D.	.....	Walkerton. Just Organized ..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good.	.....	

J. W. HODGINS,
Grand Supt. Huron District, No. 6.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

As Grand Superintendent of the Niagara District, I have the honor to submit my report on the general condition of Capitular Masonry in said District consisting of the following Chapters, namely, Mount Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines; McCallum, No. 29, Dunville; Niagara, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake; King Hiram, No. 57, Port Colborne; Wilson, No. 64, Welland; Grimsby, No. 69, Grimsby; Mount Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls South.

WILLSON CHAPTER, No. 64, WELLAND.—On the evening of April the 24th, I paid my first official visit, viz., to Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland. There was no degree conferred, we went through the ordinary routine business, and from the manner in which it was conducted I feel assured that any degree work would be done in a creditable manner, and in accordance with the ritual of the Grand Chapter. The financial condition of this Chapter is good.

MOUNT NEBO, No. 76, NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH.—This being my Chapter I have been present at its meetings, but paid my official visit on December the 6th. There were two candidates advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason, and Ex. Companion Vanderberg and the officers of the Chapter are to be congratulated upon the manner in which the work was done. I am pleased to report that Mount Nebo Chapter has made very favorable advancement during the past year, having initiated thirteen candidates; the books are in excellent order and the dues fairly well collected.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, ST. CATHARINES.—On December 20th I visited Mount Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines; was accompanied by Companions A. Fraser, J. Dickinson and J. Harriman. We had the honor of meeting the Most Excellent Grand Z., Wm. Gibson.

Two candidates were advanced to the Mark Master Mason's Degree, the conferring of which was a credit to Ex. Comp. Kilmer and his staff, and too much praise cannot be

given to Mount Moriah Chapter for maintaining the reputation which it has so long had, that of being one of the brightest and most progressive Chapters in the Niagara District, and shows the beneficial results of the skill and advice of the Rt. Ex. Comps. who are members of Mount Moriah, among whom may be mentioned Rt. Ex. Comps. Goodman, Coy, Burch, Conners and Johnson.

NIAGARA, NO. 55, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE.—My visit to this Chapter was made December 26th ; the progress of this Chapter has not been very favorable during the past year, but, from present indications, I am of the opinion that new life will be instilled into it, and feel assured that the year 1902 will mark a decided improvement in membership. There were no degrees exemplified, purely routine business, this was conducted admirably. Niagara Chapter is to be congratulated upon having such an able and efficient member as Ex. Comp. Bottomley, who affiliated the evening of my visit.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 57, PORT COLBORNE.—On January 2nd I visited this Chapter and found that their progress had not been commensurate with that of Capitular Masonry throughout the Niagara District, this is principally owing to the fact that King Hiram Chapter is almost solely composed of mariners, thus it is impossible to hold meetings during the season of navigation which extends from 1st of May to 1st of December. There are, however, several applications now before the Chapter, and prospects seem favorable for increased membership. King Hiram Chapter has an able and efficient Scribe E. in the person of T. J. O'Neil.

McCALLUM CHAPTER, NO. 29, DUNVILLE.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on January 3rd, and I am pleased to report that McCallum Chapter is maintaining the reputation acquired some years ago, when it was considered one of the brightest Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred upon a candidate and the work as exemplified was all that could be wished. The increase in membership of McCallum Chapter during the past year has not been so large as might be desired, but the prospects for the coming year point towards a considerable addition.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY.—On the evening of January 9th I visited Grimsby Chapter and witnessed the exaltation to the Holy Royal Arch conferred by Ex. Comps. Lipsitt, Cole and Simpson, assisted by Ex. Comps. Millward and Clark. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon these Companions for the excellent manner in which the degree was conferred. Particular mention should also be made of Comp. Phipps, who is an ideal Principal Sojourner. The addition to membership of Grimsby Chapter during the past year has been very satisfactory and future prospects promise a continuation of prosperity.

I am pleased to report that the condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the Niagara District is good, and feel assured my successor in office will be able to report still more favorably for 1902. In conclusion I have to thank the many Companions in the different Chapters for their kind and generous hospitality, and for their assistance in my visits among them. I thank them for the honor conferred upon me, the superintendency of the Niagara District being an honor of which any one may feel proud. All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. H. ROTHERY,
Grand Superintendent, Niagara District, No. 7.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8.

*To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

I beg to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Toronto District, No. 8. There are eight Chapters in the District, viz. : St. Andrew's and St. John's, No. 4 ; King Solomon's, No. 8 ; Doric, No. 60 ; York, No. 62 ; St. Paul's, No. 65 ; Occident, No. 77 ; Orient, No. 79, and Antiquity, No. 91.

On assuming the duties of Grand Superintendent, I at once began a system of visiting the different Chapters, unexpectedly, and if possible, ascertaining an idea of how the ordinary convocations were conducted. I, however, informed the First Principals of what my intentions were, so that they would not be surprised when I appeared as a visitor. This of course does not refer to my official visits, of which they were notified by my District Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. E. H.

Briggs. This plan I tried to carry out throughout the year, and by doing so, gained a knowledge of the condition in which each Chapter was. This was based on the lines of my predecessor, R. S. Comp. D. Ponton, and would also recommend it to my successor in office as the only one by which he can come in direct touch with the Companions of each Chapter. After having made several of these visits, I came to the conclusion that I could make no point or improvement in general conduct and working of the degrees, as, in them all, I found the ritualistic work as nearly perfect as could be given, and may say it was to me a great pleasure to find it so, and a credit to all the Principals and officers of the Chapters in the District. This, then, left the only other object which I had in view, that of encouraging the social and fraternal visiting of the Chapters with each other. On this line I may state that I was successful to a great extent, that the general tone and feeling at the convocations is brightened and more interest is taken both in the work of the different degrees and also the routine work of the evening, not only in the officers but in the members themselves. I was unable to visit the two outside Chapters (viz., Doric and York, the former only once, and the latter twice) as often as I should have liked, but the work done on these occasions was quite equal to the Chapters in the city.

There has been considerable discussion throughout the District with reference to the question of the restoration of the M. E. M. degree as it was previous to the revision, and as far as I could ascertain, the feeling is getting stronger in favor of its restoration. The fees now are more in unison in the different Chapters, in consequence of which they are all working in harmony and gathering new material. The Scribes E. of the different Chapters in the District are efficient and capable and keep their books in a good and correct manner. The funds are also banked, and financially they are all in a good position. Some of them show rather a high figure for outstanding dues, but this is being looked after sharply, and will be considerably reduced before very long.

The prospects of the Chapters in the District are very good, and have never been at so high a state of progress as they are at the present, and I hope it will continue to go on.

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S, No. 4.—This Chapter I visited on several occasions, both officially and fraternally,

viz. : fraternally, February 15 ; officially, April 19th ; fraternally, May 17th. At all my visits the work was well and carefully performed, and too much cannot be said of Ex. Z. Comp. H. T. Smith, who is a very energetic officer, and a Masonic historian of considerable repute, as shown on several occasions in giving lectures, describing fully such subjects as oaths, Boards of Trial, etc., relative to Capitular Masonry, and was ably supported by the other officers, who are well up in the work. The meetings have all been interesting and instructive, and the work of the evening being over, the Ex. Z. would give a short address on some Masonic subject, and on this account it was always a pleasure to be there, and productive of some good. The Companions of this Chapter are good visitors, and there was no exception, for in my visit to other Chapters, this Chapter was almost always represented by some of the officers and Companions. On April 19th there was held a Past Z.'s night, which I visited officially, as did also the following Chapters, viz. : King Solomon's, Doric and Orient. The work for the occasion was the R. A., and five candidates were exalted. The P. Z.'s who took part were : R. Ex. Comps. Wm. Simpson and —. Bain ; Ex. Comps. T. B. Cole and —. Moyer and Boyce, assisted by the Ex. Z. H. T. Smith, and all the other respective officers. The exemplification of the degree was very good and impressive in every detail, and reflects credit on those who took part in having given great care in its preparation, and I doubt not of its being of an instructive benefit, as well as a pleasure to those present. The Scribe E., W. H. Blight, is the same as of old, careful, energetic, and painstaking in the duties of his office. His books are the essence of neatness, and he has been worthily promoted in being elected Third Principal for the ensuing year. The Chapter has now on its roll 111 members. The average attendance throughout the year has been twenty members and six visitors, candidates initiated 13. The prospects of this Chapter are good.

KING SOLOMON'S, No. 8.—I visited this Chapter several times during the year, officially and fraternally, viz. : fraternally, February 6th ; officially, March 6th, April 3rd (44th Anniversary) ; fraternally, October 2nd, December 4th (Installation).

On all occasions of visiting this Chapter I have found the work done in a very careful manner, both by the Ex. Z.

Comp. J. Alva Carveth, who is noted as a very correct ritualist, and who is also ably assisted by the I. P. Z. Ex. Comp. E. M. Carlton, and the other officers, who are well up in the work. This Chapter is a very good visitor, and it is very seldom that, at the meetings of other Chapters, you do not meet several of them, particularly Ex. Comps. Porteous and Carlton; Comps. S. E., John Roberts and Wilkinson, and R. E. Comp. Patterson. On April 3rd I visited this Chapter, it being the celebration of their 44th anniversary, which was a very notable gathering, and one long to be remembered by those who were there, among which were the following Grand Chapter officers: M. E. Grand Z. Wm. Gibson; R. E. Comp. H. Shaw; Grand H., R. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf; R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, Grand S. E.; R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Henderson, Grand Superintendent Ontario District; R. Ex. Comp. P. T. Lee, P. Grand Regr.; also Ex. Comp. W. R. Murch, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston; Ex. Comp. Moore, Hiram Chapter No. 2, Hamilton, who were received with honors and welcomed by the Ex. Z. in a few brief and pleasant remarks, after which the P. Z.'s of the Chapter took charge, and worked the R. A. degree, exalting four candidates, doing the work in such a manner as only old veterans of the craft could do it, which was a great treat to see, and also an instructive lesson, considering that some of the P. Z.'s had not done the work for over twenty years. On December 4th I visited this Chapter and had the pleasure of installing the newly-elected officers for the ensuing year, and from my knowledge of them, feel safe in predicting a very prosperous year for 1902. Members on the roll 176, initiated 1, average attendance members 23, visitors 8. Prospects of Chapter are good. Although only adding one new member, there was considerable work done in finishing up from the previous year. The Scribe E., the veteran Comp. John Roberts, is always at his post doing his duty in his own quiet and able manner, his books are in their usual good form and neatness. There is one thing that should be given particular attention to, that is the outstanding dues, which are quite an expense to carry over every year.

DORIC, No. 60.—This Chapter being stationed in the town of Newmarket, and also meeting on the same night as King Solomon's of Toronto, I did not find an opportunity until May 1st, when I visited same officially, accompanied by

about twenty Companions of the city, among whom were R. Ex. Comp. P. T. Lee, Ex. Comps. H. Meadows, James MacFarlane, E. M. Carlton. We were conveyed there by special electric car, which was held for our return to the city. I had many letters of regret from other R. Ex. and Ex. Comps. who had made a previous engagement to attend an important meeting Cyrene Preceptory the same evening.

On arriving at Newmarket, we were received by R. Ex. Comp. T. H. Brunton and Comp. J. E. Hughes, S. E., and conducted to the Chapter, where we were received by the First Principal Ex. Comp. L. Atkinson and his officers, in a few well chosen remarks, and right royally entertained. The work done was one M. M. M. by Ex. Comp. Clellan, and one M. E. M. by the First Principal, assisted by the other officers. It was a pleasure to me and those present to see and hear these two degrees, and how they were exemplified, and I rank them quite equal in their work to any Chapter in the District, considering the fact that they have the usual country experience in getting the Companions together. After the work was finished we adjourned to the refreshment room, where a sumptuous repast awaited us, to which full justice was done, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to in very brief and instructive remarks. The books, etc., are kept in a very neat and up-to-date manner, and the Chapter can feel proud in having such a capable and energetic S. E. in Comp. J. E. Hughes, and I may also add that the success of the meeting was largely due to him. The prospects of this Chapter are very good, and they have done nobly this year. Members on roll 73, initiated 16, average attendance members 15, visitors 2.

YORK, No. 62.—This Chapter is stationed at Eglinton, a few miles out of the city. On June 6th it was arranged for me to officially visit same, but owing to illness was unable to keep the appointment. Fraternally, October 3rd ; officially, November 20th (Emergency).

These were the only opportunities I had of visiting this Chapter. The visit of November 20th was to an Emergency, called for the purpose of receiving my official visit. The attendance was very fair, both of members and visitors, among those present being : R. Ex. Comps. P. T. Lee and William Roaf ; the work of the evening being two M. E. M. and two R. A. Ex. Comp. Gibson and his officers did their work

very creditably. I was somewhat disappointed that the members did not turn out better, as the officers are very capable and deserve much better support than they are getting. On looking over the report I find that the average attendance is only 8 members and 1 visitor. This is not what it should be, and would suggest that they get together and devise some attractive means, either social or otherwise, that would increase the attendance. The prospects are very fair, and they are in a good financial position. It is to be hoped that the coming year will show a marked improvement.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 65.—This Chapter I visited on several occasions, both officially and fraternally, viz.: fraternally, February 13th; officially, March 13th; fraternally, May 8th, October 9th, December 11th (Election).

On all my visits to this Chapter it was quite noticeable that besides the good work done, there was harmony and general social spirit shown by the officers and members. Ex. Z. Comp. A. F. Webster and his officers have continued to maintain in the high standard which this Chapter gained by the careful and impressive manner in which they confer the different degrees. This no doubt is due in some measure to the fatherly care and watchfulness given by the P. Z.'s, and particularly those stalwarts of Masonry in this District: R. E. Comps. B. Allen, W. G. Eakins, D. Ponton and Aubrey White, also E. Comps. McKnight and Hull, who are always on hand to assist, with advice and work. On November 11th they gave a reception to the Grand Council of the Grand Chapter, who were nearly all present. I was unable to attend on account of absence from the city, but from reports given me the occasion was a grand success in every way, both in the work that was done and the very instructive remarks made by those who responded to their different positions, particularly the very interesting illustrations given by the M. E. Comp. William Gibson, Grand Z., relating to the mark as used in old times. This Chapter lost one of its bright lights in the death of Ex. Comp. Frank Robertson, Third Principal, who was very dearly and closely connected with the success of the Chapter and the Companions.

On my official visit to this Chapter, March 13th, I had the pleasure of seeing M. M. M. given to two candidates by Ex. Comp. James Bicknell, Second Principal. To say the work was well done would be very mild praise, for in my

estimation it could not have been improved upon in any part, and was quite in keeping with the reputation of the manner in which the officers of this Chapter do their work. Also the degree of M. E. M. by the late Ex. Comp. Frank Robertson, Third Principai, was duly worked on four candidates. In passing comment on the work, would only refer you to that previously mentioned of the Second Principal, everything was of the same high order. Members on the roll 118, initiated 12, average attendance members 23, visitors 7. The prospects of this Chapter are very good, are good visitors and also good entertainers.

OCCIDENT CHAPTER, NO. 77.—This Chapter I visited on several occasions, both officially and fraternally. My first visit among the Comps. was at a public entertainment, given by the Chapter on February 25th (official, April 12th ; fraternal, June 14th), which was very largely attended by the Companions of the Chapter and a good representation by the Companions of other Chapters, as well as members of other branches of the Order, accompanied by their wives and families and lady friends. It was a great success in every way and reflects credit on the committee who had the arranging of it in hand, and I trust that the Chapter has gained good material from it. Later on in the season they held a Smoker, but unavoidably I could not attend. The report I had of it was very favorable as to its success, and that those present had a pleasant time, and I hope the Chapter will also reap good results an laborers for the quarry. This Chapter is under the very able guidance of Ex. Comp. John Drew, Z., who is a very efficient worker and an enthusiastic R. A. Mason. In degree work he is careful and impressive, and is most ably assisted by the other officers of the Chapter, including R. S. Comps. Hickson, J. J. Thompson and Ex. Comp. Clemens, who are regular attendants, and ready to assist in any position. On my official visit, the M. M. M. degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Meadows, and it was a pleasure to me to see and hear it. I consider him one of the best Third Principals in the District. The musical part of this degree as given in this Chapter is different from the others, and would bear copying by the rest, in its rendering and quality. At this meeting there was a good turn out of Companions from other Chapters, among them being R. Ex. Comp. P. T. Lee, Doric ; Ex. Comp. Blackburne, Z., Antiquity ; H. T. Smith, Z., St. An-

drew's and St. John's; W. J. Chick, Z., Orient. They are good entertainers at the refreshment board, and gave us all a right royal time. This Chapter has recently raised its fee to include regalia, etc., and is now more in conformity with other Chapters, excepting those in the centre of the city. The officers and Comps. are good visitors and always receive a good welcome. Members on the roll 92, initiated 12, average attendance members 26, visitors 4. Prospects are very good.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 79.—This being my mother Chapter, as well as filling the office of Treasurer, attended nearly all the regular Convocations during the year. I visited: officially, April 25th, September 26th, November 28th (Installation).

On my first official visit to this Chapter my reception was indeed very cordial and kind, and I was very much pleased to hear the remarks as made by Ex. Comp. W. J. Chick, Z., referring to the high honor which the Grand Chapter and the District had done them in electing and appointing one of their P. Z.'s to the responsible position of Grand Superintendent of Toronto District. The work for the evening was the M. E. M degree, and was exemplified by the Second Principal Ex. Comp. Corley, which was done in his usual capable manner, and I doubt not but that the candidate was very deeply impressed. The other officers ably assisted. I was pleased to see the good showing made by the P. Z.'s of the Chapter, and hope it may be continued not only in this Chapter but in the others as well.

On my next official visit, September 26th, I had the pleasure of seeing the R. A. degree worked by Ex. Comp. W. J. Chick, Z., who is an enthusiastic and conscientious ritualist, and very careful in all details. He was fairly well assisted by the other officers, particularly the P. S. Comp. E. A. Murphy, whom it is very hard to better in that position. This Chapter reduced their fee to \$15, no regalia, it was formerly \$20 with regalia, thus bringing them nearly on the same footing as those Chapters who have only one Blue Lodge to draw from, this in some measure explains why so little work was done, the change was made too late to benefit this year. Ex. Comp. James MacFarlane, H., is a good worker, having seen him do work on the M. M. M. degree several times, although not on the occasion of my official visits. I must not forget to mention those fathers of the Chapter who are always present at

the meetings, assisting in the work : V. Ex. Comp. Ira Bates, Ex. Comps. John Jones and Foster, V. Ex. Comp. E. H. Briggs (whom I appointed as District Secretary).

This Chapter needs to take some immediate action to reduce the amount of outstanding dues, which seems to be mostly deadwood and should be struck off or otherwise arranged. I have been given to understand that action is being taken in the matter. Members on the roll 88, initiations 6, members 30, visitors 10, meetings 12, emergent 8, being the largest number of meetings held by any one Chapter in the District. The prospects of this Chapter are excellent. On November 28th I had the pleasure of installing the newly elected and appointed officers for the ensuing year (the year of this Chapter ends on November 30th).

On December 18th this Chapter tendered to me a reception under their auspices, assisted by all the Chapters of the District. It was a grand gathering, being the largest held in the District this year, and may also be said to have been a Chapter of instruction as well, as, apart from the many remarks of praise and congratulation to myself for the manner in which I had tried to do my duty to the Grand Chapter and District, it was a welcome to the members of the Grand Council, who were fully represented by the M. E. Comp. William Gibson, Grand Z. ; R. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, Grand H. ; R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Martyn, Grand J. ; R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, Grand S. E. ; V. Ex. Comp. E. H. Briggs, Grand Asst. Soj. ; M. E. Comp. D. Ross, Past Grand Z. ; also R. Ex. Comps. William Roaf, George Eakins, Douglas Ponton, P. T. Lee and Aubrey White. There was also a good representation of Principals from every Chapter in the District, in all, the attendance was over 100. There were many letters of regret received from those who could not attend, and all of them had good wishes for myself and a pleasant meeting. The degree of R. Arch was exemplified on three candidates by the following officers, taken from the different Chapters :—Z., Benjamin Allen, St. Paul's ; I. P. Z., H. T. Smith, St. Andrew's and St. John's ; H., S. Wilkinson, King Solomon's ; J., Douglas Ponton, St. Paul's ; S. E., John Drew, Occident ; S. N., W. J. Chick, Orient ; Treas., F. Blackburne, Antiquity ; P. S., E. B. Brown, St. Paul's ; S. S., W. E. Hofland, York ; J. S., P. T. Lee, Doric ; M. 4th V., H. S. King, St. Andrew's and St. John's ; M. 3rd V., I. Cooper, King Solomon's ; M. 2nd V., H. Meadows, Occident ; M. 1st V., R. Ross, Antiquity ; D. of C., E.

H. Briggs, Orient ; D. of C., T. B. Cole, St. Andrew's and St. John's.

R. E. Comp. B. Allen and the other R. E., V. E., and Ex. Comps. who took part in the ceremony of this beautiful degree deserve to be highly commended for the very creditable manner in which each one performed his part. At the conclusion of the work M. E. Comp. William Gibson delivered an excellent address upon speculative and operative Masonry, showing that operative Masons of to-day used "Marks" in the same manner as did operative Masons in the olden times to distinguish their work. Interesting addresses were also given by R. S. Comps. A. Shaw, Dr. D. H. Martyn and Grand Scribe E., each of them explaining the manner of giving and receiving the ceremonial work of the degree. Ex. Comp. J. W. S. Corley did the honor of receiving the visitors and also presided at the banquet, at which the previous mentioned and the following made brief addresses :—Ex. Comps. James Bicknell ; E. B. Brown gave recitations and stories ; R. Ex. Comps. B. Allen, D. Ponton, William Roaf, Aubrey White. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, John Drew and F. Blackburne, and Ex. Comp. S. Wilkinson and others favored with songs. V. Ex. Comp. E. H. Briggs, District Secretary, who made all arrangements, is to be congratulated on the success of the affair, and it was generally agreed that more of such gatherings as this would be of great benefit to Capitular Masonry in the District.

ANTIQUITY, No. 91.—This Chapter I visited on several occasions, both officially and fraternally, viz. : Fraternally, February 18th ; officially, March 18th ; fraternally, May 20th, June 17th ; officially, September 20th.

On all my visits have found the meetings well attended both by members and visitors, and always having lots of work in hand to do. Ex. Comp. Francis Blackburne, Z., is a very painstaking and energetic officer, having his work up-to-date, particularly the R. Arch, in which he excels, and I consider him one of the best ritualists in the District. The other Principals are very able and capable assistants to him, as is also the P. S. and other officers, in all making a team that is hard to improve on. Ex. Comp. R. Ross, H., has on several occasions when I was present, done degree work in a very correct and impressive manner, ably assisted by Comp. Porte, who is also well up in his work and details. This Chapter

has several old timers who are regular attendants at all meetings, in R. Ex. Comps. G. J. Bennett and William Walker, to whom much of the success of the Chapter is due. This Chapter has good entertainers and they are also good visitors, some of them in attendance at nearly every other Chapter where I was visiting. It has also the credit of being the banner Chapter for the year in having initiated twenty three, which speaks well for the activity of the Companions. They also made a change in the night for holding their meeting from the third Monday to the third Friday, which has proved a very good move, resulting in a better attendance. On January 17th, '02, they have invited me to install the newly elected officers for the ensuing year, and under whose care I predict a continuance of the same prosperity they had last year. Members on roll 104, initiated 23, average attendance members 27, visitors 5. Prospects of Chapter excellent.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to those R. Ex., V. Ex., and Ex. Comps. and the Comps. who have assisted with advice and accompanied me on my visits during the year, also to my District Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. E. H. Briggs, for his very able help, and to the various Chapters for the exceedingly cordial manner in which they have received me on all occasions during my term of office, which will always be looked back upon as one of the most pleasant in my Masonic career.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. J. MASON, JR.,
Grand Superintendent, Toronto District, No. 8.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No 8.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	Location.	Meetings.			Average Attendance.	Visitors.	Annual Dues.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	Degrees Conferred.			Members 12 months in arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount of Insurance.	Can Ex. Z. work Degrees ?	Prospects.
			Regular.	Emergent.	Total																						
4	St. Andrew's and St. John...	Toronto.....	10	1	11	20	6	\$ 3 00	104	15	13	1	..	3	3	1	111	13	11	10	13	Nil.	\$ 600 00	\$100 00	Fully	Yes	Good
8	King Solomon's.....	"	11	..	11	23	8	3 00	185	3	1	1	..	9	..	2	176	1	3	4	32	Nil.	865 00	420 00	\$ 200 00	Yes	Good
60	Doric	Newmarket....	9	..	9	15	2	1 25	58	17	15	1	..	..	..	1	73	16	16	15	...	.....	.....	.....	200 00	Yes	Good
62	York.....	North Toronto..	7	1	8	8	1	3 00	38	2	2	..	..	..	6	..	34	2	2	3	8	\$50 00	57 60	122 17	Covered	Yes	Fair
65	St. Paul's	Toronto	10	..	10	23	7	4 00	108	16	12	2	..	1	2	1	118	12	12	12	Nil.	Nil.	12 00	26 60	250 00	Yes	Good
77	Occident.....	"	12	..	12	26	4	3 00	85	17	12	..	1	..	5	..	92	12	11	10	12	100 00	.....	169 00	200 00	Yes	Very good
78	Orient.....	"	12	8	20	30	10	3 00	81	6	6	..	1	..	..	..	88	6	7	8	32	25 00	300 00	374 65	100 00	Yes	Excellent
91	Antiquity.....	"	10	4	14	27	5	3 00	94	37	23	1	1	5	9	1	104	23	20	20	1	Nil.	700 00	100 00	300 00	Yes	Excellent

G. J. MASON, JR.,
Grand Superintendent, Toronto District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, for the past year, at the same time I desire to express my many thanks to the Companions of the District for electing me to the high and honorable position of Grand Superintendent, an honor personally undeserved, but which was no doubt a tribute to Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie, of which I am proud to be a member and to hail as my mother Chapter.

My first official act was the appointment of V. E. Comp. J. B. McPhee as District Secretary, and he has cheerfully performed every duty for which I have called upon him.

Immediately after my appointment I caused a circular to be issued to every Chapter in the District, notifying them of my election and asking them to send me the regular notices of their meetings. This was done by four of the Chapters and it gave me a chance to see what was being done.

Owing to the outbreak of small pox last winter I decided to make my official visits when the Chapters would get in good working order after holiday season, but I always endeavored to have a letter before them at each communication urging them to rehearse regularly, get back all the unaffiliated Companions and by their good work make the meetings interesting for those on the side benches and to get in as many new Companions as possible, provided they were good Masons, for I think every good Mason should be received and exalted; and I also strongly urged upon them to try and get all back dues paid up so as to start off with a clean sheet this first year of the new century.

There has been nothing reported to me of unmasonic conduct, nothing that would show that all the Chapters are not working harmoniously and for the best interests of Capitular Masonry.

I have endeavored to the best of my ability to promote accuracy and uniformity in the work and I am pleased to say that on nearly all occasions I have found the work to be well done and that I had the pleasure in most instances of being able to congratulate the officers on their work rather than the

contrary. It is not an agreeable duty to have to criticize and find fault and I had little of this to do, but I trust that whenever the circumstances required it I did my duty in as kindly and helpful a manner as possible. I have urged the officers to rehearse as often as possible so as to become accurate and easy in the floor work as well as perfect in the ritual.

I received a communication from Comp. S. E. Foster of Wiarton, asking my opinion on starting a Chapter in that town. I wrote him what I considered a very discouraging letter, pointing out the expense of not only starting, but maintaining the Chapter and the trouble which would likely arise in a few years of getting a quorum. Later on I received another communication saying that the Companions of Georgian, No. 56, (their mother Chapter), Owen Sound, were anxious for them to start a Chapter in Wiarton and they would like me to give them a list of the paraphernalia required. I did so and again pointed out the difficulties they might look forward to, and after they had asked for my recommendation I gave it and unless something unforeseen happens I will comply with the request of the M. E. the Grand Z., and institute this Chapter, known as "Amabel" Chapter, in the village of Wiarton in the county of Bruce, before the meeting of Grand Chapter, January 22, 1902. I have written them to this effect and telling them that I am in possession of the necessary documents. Some of the Companions of Midland also interviewed me on starting a Chapter in that town and have since decided not to make application.

In all cases the expenses incurred on my official visits have been placed in my hands. In no Chapter did I even mention my expenses ; they were given cheerfully.

GEORGIAN CHAPTER, NO. 56, OWEN SOUND.—I visited this Chapter, on the 19th of November. They were not quite sure of my coming. After dinner I called upon E. Comp. Dr. Marshall, Second Principal. I also called upon E. Companions John Rutherford, S. E., and Dr. Cameron, who are the old standbys of this Chapter. The latter I found to be a very enthusiastic Mason and I got some very valuable information from him. In going to the Chapter I found a very comfortable and well furnished room, but the attendance, although fair, was not nearly as large as I had expected to see. After being received I was informed that I was the first Superintendent that had visited them for several years. The

Principals were considerably put about as their P. S., who they claimed to be an A 1 officer, was captain of one of the large boats which should have arrived that day, but owing to the inclemency of the weather was twenty-six hours late. The Senior and Junior Sojourners and Masters of Veils were also found wanting. Substitutes were obtained who did fairly well. The Degree of M. E. M. was conferred upon three candidates, and that of the H R. A. upon four by E. Comp. H. H. Burgess, assisted by E. Comp. Jno. Rutherford, in a very creditable manner. The Historical, Symbolical and Mystical lectures were given by E. Comp. Rev. Franklin, E. Comp. Dr. Marshall and E. Comp. Dr. Cameron, respectively. The exemplification of these degrees and the opening and closing were satisfactorily done. If the present officers will carry out the promises made me, this Chapter is bound to make a good showing. I examined the books of the painstaking S. E. and the records are in perfect order. E. Companion John Rutherford's services are always cheerfully given in anything tending to benefit the Chapter. After closing we adjourned to the banquet hall and partook of an oyster supper and spent a couple of pleasant hours.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, No. 86.—I visited this Chapter on Nov. 26th. It was a special meeting, and I certainly got a surprise, having been informed that no meeting had been held for nearly two years and for the first few months kept writing but got no reply, nor any notices. I expected trouble but found six meetings had been held, four candidates admitted and another in waiting. The Mark Master's Degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Dr. F. D. Kent, First Principal, in a very impressive manner, and the P. S. as Senior Deacon had his work almost perfect and is a splendid officer. R. E. Comp. McCarrol is a very active and willing member. I examined the books and found everything satisfactory. Comp. W. H. Sing. Scribe E., I believe is a splendid officer, always trying to get the Companions to attend, and helps in every way he can to build up the Chapter. I found a very nice Chapter room, cozily furnished, but the attendance was very small. The members and officers of this Chapter are scattered, the First Principal and Principal Sojourner have to drive nine miles and the Scribe E. two, but I think it is they who live outside of town who are the most enthusiastic. An oyster supper was served in the banquet hall and a very pleasant time was spent for a couple of hours.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, BARRIE—I visited this Chapter on Dec. 10th. This being my own Chapter I am present at every meeting and did not intend to make any official visit here, but by request of the Companions I consented to do so and they immediately sent an invitation to the M. E. the Grand Z., who very kindly gave us his presence on the same night. If it were possible for one person to be more pleased than another to have him with us, I was that one for I wanted him to see how the work can be done in Georgian District and how it is done in Signet Chapter. The Chapter was opened in the R. A. Degree at 4 p.m. After transacting the general business it was called off for the purpose of conferring Degrees. The M. M. Lodge was opened and the Degree conferred upon two candidates by E. Comp. J. C. Irwin and his officers, in a manner which brought forth the greatest praise. The M. E. M. Degree was then conferred by E. Comp. Samuel Ship with the same results. The work in this Degree being ended the Lodge was closed and after the Companions had partaken of supper the Chapter of R. A. Masons was resumed. After the reception of the Grand Z. the R. A. Degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Alex. Cowan and his very efficient staff of officers. The work was exemplified to the entire satisfaction of all present and in a very impressive manner, the lectures were given by the First, Second and Third Principals perfectly. The books are well looked after by R. E. Comp. Hallett who was re elected for the third time. This Chapter is spoken of as not only the banner Chapter of the District but of the jurisdiction, that is, so far as the work is concerned. The Grand Z. in a few words spoke very highly of the way in which the work was done and gave us a lecture on the practical work of Masonry which was certainly the finest treat ever given at a Masonic gathering in Barrie and was much appreciated by all present. The work of the evening being over the Chapter was closed and about fifty Companions adjourned to the banquet hall where a bountiful repast was awaiting. After doing ample justice to the good things a couple of hours were spent in songs, speeches, etc., thus bringing to a close one of the most pleasant and profitable Masonic gatherings ever held in the town of Barrie. This Chapter has a nicely furnished room fully equipped, and if all dues are gathered in, as I expect they will this month, they will have a surplus of about \$600.00 in the bank.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, No. 70, BRACEBRIDGE—I visited this Chapter on Dec. 11th. I found a very comfortable and well furnished room with all the necessary paraphernalia. The R. A. Degree was exemplified by Comp. Whitten. R. E. Comp. Huber, Scribe N., also took charge of the veils. All the officers who took a part did their work in a very creditable manner. The Third Principal J. and also the Principal Sojourner are splendid officers, and I would judge from such talent as I saw here that R. E. Companions Whitten and Huber will be able to take it easier in the future. This Chapter has been doing good work but the members are so scattered that they cannot attend regularly. The Scribe E. has his books in good shape and looks well after the dues. The Chapter is in a good financial state and its prospects are bright. After closing in due form we had some refreshments and all went home apparently well satisfied with our meeting.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 103, NORTH BAY—I arranged to visit this Chapter officially on Dec. 13th. I went up according to agreement but on my arrival was informed that they had sent me word not to come. I called upon several of the Companions who certainly seemed very much surprised to see me but I was received very kindly. This Chapter, from all reports, has not been doing as well as it should, no doubt owing to the fact that some of the officers are in the employ of the railway, and on account of the large rush of business this year they were unable to attend to the duties of their office, but new officers have been elected and great things are promised in the way of rehearsing, etc. I called upon Comp. Rev. A. J. F. Cobb, S. E., who is a very enthusiastic Mason. I examined his books and complimented him for the neat way in which they are kept. This Chapter is not only clear of debt but has a small surplus on hand.

MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 27, COLLINGWOOD—I was to visit this Chapter at their December meeting and sent them notice to that effect, but unfortunately for me their night of meeting fell upon the same night as that of Kerr Lodge of which I am W. M., and as there were candidates for all three Degrees, some of them from a long distance, and being unable to get a P. M. to take my place, I felt in duty bound to stay at home. I received a communication on Tuesday previous from the First Principal asking me if I was coming

and saying they had received no notice and were not in shape. I answered saying I would willingly wait for one or two weeks if necessary, and on Thursday morning I got notice of my official visit for Friday night. I telephoned him explaining matters which seemed satisfactory and expected an emergent meeting would be arranged for, but this failed. This is the only Chapter I have not visited and no one feels so sorry for this as myself, not only because I wanted to do my duty by visiting each Chapter, but because of the trouble the Companions of this Chapter went to in order to receive me as representative of the Grand Z. Those who were present report a good attendance, the work well done and a most enjoyable evening spent, as the fourth Degree in this Chapter is always a treat. If I may judge from my own experience in the past, a visitor to Manitou is always heartily welcomed and royally entertained. I am acquainted with some of the officers and feel that the time is not far distant when it will be difficult to tell which is the banner Chapter of this district.

The Scribes of the several Chapters have all been very prompt and painstaking in their official work and I wish to return my sincere thanks to the Companions of this District for their kind attention and efficient co-operation.

I annex hereto a tabulated statement showing the standing of the several Chapters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILL. J. SUTHERLAND,

Grand Superintendent, Georgian District, No. 9.

Barrie, 10th Jan., 1902.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

No.	CHAPTER.	PLACE.	MEETINGS.					MEMBERSHIP.								WORK DONE.			Liabilities.	Assets.	Dues Outstanding.	Insurance.	Can Ex. Z. do Work ?			
			Regular.	Emergent.	Totals.	Average Attendance.	Visitors.	Annual Dues.	No Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M.						M. E. M.	R. A. M.	No. Members 12 months in Arrears.
27	Manitou	Collingwood...	8	2	10	17	..	\$1 50	13 life	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	59	2	3	5	18	.....	\$284 89 17 39	\$117 50	\$200 00	Yes.
34	Signet.....	Barrie	10	2	12	19	1	2 00	..	21	14	..	..	3	..	..	111	14	14	14	62	\$30 00	.....	198 00	300 00	Yes.
56	Georgian	Owen Sound...																								
70	Grand River ..	Bracebridge...	7	1	8	10	2	2 00	41	7	6	1	..	..	2	..	46	6	6	7	18	35 00	350 00	60 00	.....	Yes.
86	Macpherson...	Meaford	6	1	7	10	6	2 00	29	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	33	4	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	300 00	Yes.
103	St. John's.....	North Bay....	7	1	8	12	2	2 00	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	39	2	2	3	18	.....	.....	76 00	200 00	Yes.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No 10.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Canada.*

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on Capitular Masonry in District No. 10.

By referring to the accompanying schedule you will observe, that whilst all the Chapters have held their own, several have made quite satisfactory and two most gratifying, increase in membership.

One most noticeable and most encouraging feature of the year's history is the interest manifested in Chapter work by our younger Masonic brethren. This is truly the age of young men, and they are seeking further sight in Masonry, as well as in every other walk of life, and the Chapter is fortunate whose officers and members have early recognized this fact and acted accordingly. •

The total increase for the year is 33, but death claimed 6 of our Companions and three withdrew, leaving a net increase of 24. The dues are generally up-to-date and the financial standing of the Chapters in the District is A 1.

On my own behalf, as well as on behalf of the District, I thank you, Most Ex. Sir, for the honor you conferred by paying a fraternal visit to Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, one of the most progressive Chapters in the District, and I can only express my deep regret that illness prevented my being present to assist in welcoming you on that occasion.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, OSHAWA.—Although this Chapter has had but one exaltation within the year, yet I understand the officers have kept themselves fully and closely in touch with the work of the various degrees by repeated rehearsals. The Excellent Z., the S. E. and the P. S. are zealous officers and are confident of showing a substantial increase in their next annual report. Masonry is strong within their jurisdiction, and a little effort on the part of the individual members would soon make Pentalpha one of the strongest Chapters in the District.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35, WHITBY.—Owing largely to the enthusiasm of Ex. Comp. Fred Hatch, who is the First

Principal of this Chapter, and himself a R. A. Mason of but few years standing, Keystone has, during the past year, eclipsed all its former records. No fewer than fourteen applications were accepted and acted upon since meeting of Grand Chapter. This Chapter is under great obligations to Past Z's. Ross, Taylor, White, Gale, Huggard and Stanton, who are most punctual in their attendance, and are not only ready and willing, but fully capable to direct their younger companions. The Ex. Z. and his newly installed officers worked the M. M. M. degree at the time of my visit and gave entire satisfaction. The Ex. Z. and a majority of his staff of officers were re-elected and the prospects of the Chapter are excellent.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, PETERBORO'.—You Most Excellent Sir, have seen with your own eyes and have heard with your own ears, what the Companions of this Chapter can do by way of exemplifying the work, and I shall content myself with recalling to your memory the pleasant recollections of your visit. In their "new quarters," which the Companions hope to occupy in the near future, they will be most comfortably located, and fully equipped to perform most skillfully the work required of them. Whilst the increase for the year is a good average, it has, no doubt, been adversely affected by the near prospect of occupying a modernly constructed and properly arranged Chapter, and we can safely bespeak a bright future for Corinthian. All the officers are efficient and a lively interest in the success of the Chapter is taken by the Past Z's. and a majority of the members. Prospects excellent.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE.—This Chapter is keeping up its high state of efficiency, and steadily increasing its membership. It was an inspiration to me, to witness the conferring of the R. A. degree by that veteran Craftsman Ex. Comp. Dr. Might. The ceremony of exaltation was made most impressive, and the candidates were carefully instructed in the significance of each step taken. The Ex. Z. was ably assisted by Ex. Comp. Burton and R. E. Comp. Helm. This Chapter has lost, by removal, several expert Craftsmen, but its efficiency is in no way impaired and its prospects are unusually bright. Its equipment for working the degrees is not surpassed in the district. The books are very well kept and all the officers are thoroughly capable. Several P. Z.'s and Ex. Grand officers were present at the time of my visit.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 45, COLBORNE.—I have much pleasure in congratulating Excelsior on the large increase in membership it has made during the year. Like Keystone, it has passed its former records, so far as I know, and the end is not yet. All the officers are well skilled and carry their enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry into their daily life. Here again young men have caught the inspiration and are meeting with every encouragement from the officers and members of Excelsior. The amount of work done did not permit of the Ex. Z. "calling off" during the "dog days," as is so frequently done by many First Principals, and he now has the honor of leading the district in the number of degrees conferred. The books are kept neatly and accurately and the officers and members are most enthusiastic.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 48, COBOURG.—Like Excelsior Chapter, St. John's met with due regularity throughout the year and by a judicious arrangement of work was enabled to exemplify some portion of it at each meeting. By this means the attendance was kept up and the interest of the members maintained. At the time of my visit the R. A. degree was conferred in a manner highly creditable to a majority of the officers taking part. The work of the P. S. was particularly commendable, as was also that of the M. of V.'s. The Ex. Z. is efficient and most indefatigable in his efforts to advance Capitular Masonry. The prospects of this Chapter are particularly good. During the summer months it is favored with the visits of many distinguished American Companions, which materially contributes to the success of the meetings and forms an incentive to the officers. Books are well kept and up to date.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—Although no Degree work was done by the officers of this Chapter, at the time of my visit, I am convinced that they are capable, and lacking only in opportunity, which will soon be afforded them, as I have since learned of four petitions having been received. The Chapter books are models of neatness and reflect credit upon the painstaking S. E. This Chapter has a fruitful field for operation, and by united effort on the part of the present officers the future can be made most successful. I might suggest that when Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro', gets properly located in its new quarters that the Grand Officers hold a

Chapter of Instruction there, if they be so permitted, and thus awaken a livelier interest in Capitular Masonry in the Midland counties.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER, NO. 110, WARKWORTH.—Owing to an unfortunate combination of local causes the Companions of this Chapter were unable to meet with due regularity. The attendance, however, at their few meetings was of a high percentage and gave evidence of a deep interest in Chapter work.

The increase in membership compares most favorably with Chapters more fortunately situated. The officers are capable but their field of operation is limited. The prospects of this Chapter are, to say the least, fair, and might safely be said to be good. The finances of the Chapters are in good shape and the equipment good.

We can safely look for increased success during the coming year.

I conclude permit me to express my regret that my civil duties prevented my visiting one or two of the Chapters on the dates selected by their officers. One, whose time is not at his own disposal, is liable to fall into error in making engagement for the future. I thank the Companions for the courtesy shown me, and the hospitable manner in which I was entertained wherever I visited.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. G. HENDERSON.

Grand Superintendent, Ontario District, No. 10.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10.

No.	Name of Chapter.	Location.	No. Regular Meetings.	No. Emergent Meetings.	Total No. Meetings.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues per Members.	No. Members per Last Return.	No. Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	No. of Affiliations.	No. of Restoration.	No. of Withdrawals.	No. of Suspensions.	No. of Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred.	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred.	R.A.M. Degrees Conferred.	No. Members 12 Months in arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Insurance Carried.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. Work Degrees.
28	Pentalpha.	O.hawa.	7 ..	7 16	1 81	50	45	1 1	1 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	1 1	1 19	380	\$400	....	\$400	\$125	\$200	Good.	Ye.	
35	Keystone.	Whitby.	8 1	9 13	2 1	00	52	14 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	8 5	5 ..	..	..	400	....	400	Good.	Yes		
36	Corinthian.	Peterborough...	9 1	10 15	1 3	00	68	3 3	3 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 68	3 3	3 ..	..	..	650	\$150	500	Good.	Yes.		
37	Victoria.	Port Hope.	12 1	13 12	1 2	00	53	5 5	5 ..	..	..	..	..	1 ..	1 ..	1 56	5 3	2 23	..	..	..	500	167	333	162	300	Good.	Yes.
45	Excelsior.	Colborne.	12 ..	12 15	1 00	62	10 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 2	1 68	10 9	6 ..	..	..	..	..	225	50	175	20	150	Good.	Yes.
48	St. John's.	Cobourg.	13 ..	13 15	2 2	00	47	3 3	3 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	2 2	2 ..	..	..	175	75	100	50	....	Good.	Yes.
94	Midland.	Lindsay.	6 1	7 11	1 1	00	49	..	1 ..	..	..	..	..	1 ..	..	..	49	..	..	1 9	50	215	15	200	43	150	Fair.	Yes.
110	Warkworth.	Warkworth.	4 1	5 15	7 1	00	39	2 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	2 2	3 ..	..	..	125	25	100	....	....	Fair.	Yes.

A. G. HENDERSON,
Grand Superintendent, Ontario District, No. 10.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

At the last annual meeting of Grand Chapter my Companions of Prince Edward District, without my knowledge or consent, elected me District Superintendent for the ensuing year.

A mark of such favor and esteem from my Companions, when I was not in attendance at Grand Chapter, carried with it, on my part, added appreciation as well as increased responsibility.

At a subsequent date, I was installed, at a meeting of Moira Chapter, in Belleville, by R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Webster, Past Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District.

When I accepted the office it did not occur to me that the limited time required to discharge its duties (there being but five Chapters in the District) would be very difficult to spare, and my visits to the Chapter most inconvenient to them as well as to myself, but such became the case.

Shortly after my installation the current of my commercial life began to change and a tempting offer came to me to transfer my home from Belleville, Ont., to Grand Rapids, Mich., U.S.A., to join an enterprise there, which I accepted.

This meant that I was unable to make my visits to the Chapters before leaving for my new location, and I had to face the possibility of not being able to make them during my term of office.

I had never assumed an office in or out of Freemasonry without doing my utmost to fulfil its duties, and I therefore decided not to make an exception in this case, no matter how great the inconvenience or expense to myself.

Thanks to the genuine spirit of Freemasonry which prevails in Prince Edward District, I was enabled, with the assistance of the Ex. Z's and Scribes E., to visit each Chapter with the exception of St. Mark's, Trenton, (see St. Mark's Chapter for explanation) although at considerable inconvenience to the members, and by a journey of over 1,000 miles for myself.

As the Christmas season was the only time I could arrange to get away from my business, plans were made for

holding meetings of the several Chapters at that time, and I now beg to report to Grand Chapter the results of my visits.

MOIRA, NO. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on December 24th, 1901, a special meeting having been called.

The officers were in their places, with Ex. Comp. Jas. Phillips, Z. of the Chapter, in the First Principal's Chair, and the attendance was good, including R. E. Comps. Arthur McGinnis and J. Parker Thomas.

Arrangements had been made for an exaltation, but unfortunately the candidate could not make it convenient to be present. The meeting, however, was not in vain, as the Ex. Z. opened a conversation by appropriate and interesting remarks, which was participated in by many present, and a most profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

From an intimate knowledge of Moira Chapter (it being my mother Chapter), and its officers and their work, I am pleased to report that under the excellent guidance of Ex. Comp. Phillips, who ranks high as a worker in masonry, Moira continues to maintain its high position in the District for good work, high standing, and true Masonic brotherhood. No better Scribe E. could be desired or had by any Chapter, than Ex. Comp. Wm. McKeown, who fills that important office to the satisfaction of all the Companions and to the great benefit of the Chapter. A prosperous future for this Chapter may be accepted as assured.

MOUNT SINAI, NO. 44, NAPANEE.—The Convocation of this Chapter was held on the afternoon of December 25th, 1901, and I had the pleasure of being present. The work was installation of officers, which was conferred by that veteran in Masonry, R. E. Comp. Jas. Wetters, Past Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District, in a most interesting and satisfactory manner. The Companions report a good work and good interest in the Chapter under Ex. Comp. W. F. Gerow, and its prospects bright and encouraging. Ex. Comp. Wm. Rankin was placed in the First Principal's chair, which was freely admitted by the Companions to mean that Mount Sinai intended to make vigorous efforts under the energetic and efficient guidance of Ex. Comp. Rankin to make 1902 a record year. Comp. J. G. Fennell performs the duties of Scribe E., and not alone keeps his books in good order, but also collects the dues promptly, and keeps a close eye on the

details of his office, for which he merits and receives the approval of his Companions.

With finances all right and zeal renewed, the future of this Chapter may be considered encouraging.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 72, STIRLING.—A special meeting of this Chapter was called for December 26th, 1901, which I attended. A large number of the Companions was present.

Ex. Comp. Bedford, Z., of the Chapter was in the chair. As there was no work I did not have the privilege of witnessing Ex. Comp. Bedford and his officers confer a degree, but as this Chapter is the Masonic home of my predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. J. Earl Halliwell, I accept his assurance that the work is most ably performed by the Ex. Z. and his officers, and that the Chapter is in a healthy and prosperous condition.

R. Ex. Comp. Halliwell performs the duties of Scribe E. and, it is needless to say, to the entire satisfaction of his Companions. The interests of Capitular Masonry in general, and of Keystone Chapter in particular, were considered, and ample evidence was apparent that this Chapter would give a good account of itself during 1902. I am therefore able to report an encouraging outlook for Keystone Chapter.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 18, PICTON.—I attended a special meeting of this Chapter on the afternoon of December 27th, 1901, when I was greeted by a very large number of Companions in true Masonic style.

Ex. Comp. R. A. Williamson, Z. of the Chapter, presided. The Mark Degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. Comp. Williamson, and his staff of able officers in a manner that would be considered most creditable in critical Metropolitan Chapters. This Chapter has been favored in having one of those exceptional Scribes E., who know and look after every requirement in connection with its welfare, keep a model set of books, collect the dues promptly, and make the summonses attractive and readable. This honor belongs to R. Ex. Comp. Ed. W. Case.

From the standpoint of Degree Work, of fraternal fellowship, of financial standing, of membership and of aggressive Masonry, it would be difficult to find many, if any, Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, that

can excel Prince Edward Chapter. It may safely be assumed, therefore, that Prince Edward Chapter has a promising future before it.

ST. MARK'S, NO. 26, TRENTON.—After considerable correspondence with Comp. J. D. Rowe, Scribe E. of this Chapter, it was found impossible to get a meeting. Comp. Rowe informed me that he had issued summonses regularly, was on hand each time, but could get but one meeting of the Chapter during the year.

He also stated that he had tried to get the Companions to attend a special meeting during the holidays, to talk the matter over with me, but owing to the inconvenience they would be put to at this season of the year, he could not succeed.

I met him at Trenton and talked the situation over in a general way. He had issued a final summons asking the Companions to meet and decide as to the future of St. Mark's. No one who knows the Companions of Trenton could doubt their ability to revive and keep alive this Chapter, and it is with this thought in view that I recommend that Grand Chapter place the matter in the hands of my successor, for the purpose of making a special effort to revive the Masonic zeal of the members of St. Mark's Chapter. I very much regret that the limited time at my disposal prevented more personal attention to this matter.

GENERAL REMARKS.—It is with particular pleasure I record the fact that this is the second time I served under our distinguished M. Ex. Z. Wm. Gibson, having had the honor to preside over the destinies of Prince Edward District when he so worthily filled the position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

With this report I close a year of swift vicissitudes, which have transferred my home from the country of my birth, which I love so well, to the land "across the line." The memories of many pleasant hours spent with my Companions and my brethern at home, clings to me with added preciousness owing to my residence in a foreign land.

Time sometimes effaces even pleasant memories, but I venture to believe, that, kindly and cordial though my reception in this city is, both by Masons and non-Masons, the passing of succeeding years will only add to the pleasure of many

cherished recollections of fraternal fellowship, with my Companions and brethren at home.

To the Masons of Prince Edward District, both capitular and craft, from whom I have received so many honors and tokens of regard, and whose cordial hospitality I have enjoyed, I offer the assurance of my deepest affection and esteem ; and express the hope, that kindness and brotherly love, which have been so long distinguishing features among them, may continue to dominate in old Prince Edward District as the years are passing on.

May I not, also, express the hope, that, for him, who, by the revolutions of the wheels of time, finds himself far from his Companions and brethren, and in another land, his hope and prayer may be reciprocated, that the Great Grand Master may open up the pathway and guide the footsteps of all "Who meet upon the level and part upon the square."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY PRINGLE,

Superintendent, Prince Edward District, No. 11.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

Chapter No.	Name.	Place.	Meetings.			Average Attendance.			No. Members, Dec. 31st, 1900.	Petitions Accepted.	No. of Candidates Advanced.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	No. Members, Dec. 31st, 1901.	Degrees Conferred.			Finances.							Prospects of Chapter.	Can Ex. Z. Work all Degrees?
			Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Members.	Visitors.	Total.										M. M. M.	M. E. M.	Royal Arch.	Dues.	No. of Members in Arrears.	Outstanding Dues.	Assets.	Liabilities.	Property.	Insurance.		
7	The Moira.....	Belleville.	9	1	10	17	3	20	111	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	112	3	3	2	\$ 2 00	21	\$ 142 00	\$2200 00	\$ 260 00	*\$12000 00	Covered Conjointly	Good	Yes.
31	Prince Edward.	Picton....	1	0	11	30	2	32	121	9	7	0	0	0	0	1	127	7	5	4	1 20	30	50 00	150 00	None.	100 00	Carried by Blue Lodge	Good	Yes.
44	Mount Sinai...	Napanee..	8	1	9	11	1	12	44	..	2	1	0	4	0	1	42	2	4	4	1 50	10	50 00	300 00	.....	100 00	\$ 200 00	Good	Yes.
72	Keystone.....	Stirling..	7	1	8	11	2	13	34	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	35	3	2	2	3 00	18	77 25	330 00	24 00	150 00	150 00	Good	Yes.
23	St. Marks,	Trenton ..	No Report received.																										

* Conjointly in Property.

HENRY PRINGLE,
District Superintendent, 1901.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Excellent The Grand Z. and the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for the year 1901, being composed of seven Chapters, viz. :—Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1 ; Grenville, No. 22 ; Sussex, No. 59 ; Maitland, No. 68 ; St. Lawrence, No. 100 ; St. John's, No. 112 ; Covenant, No. 113.

I am pleased to be able to say that Capitular Masonry in this District is in a prosperous condition generally with splendid prospects for the future.

On the 19th of April I visited Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston. Here I had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the Holy Royal Arch Degree conferred by the officers in charge who are exceedingly well qualified for their respective positions. I was more than pleased with the impressiveness and solemnity imparted to the ceremony by the officers in delivering the different charges. This Chapter is composed of men who have been identified with the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter as officers for many years and who are enthusiastic Masons and take an interest in all matters pertaining to Masonry, and who with their energetic officers are well able to guard the interests of this ancient and honorable Chapter. The books of the Chapter are well kept and the business transacted as it ought to be. Perfect harmony exists among the members of whom a large number assembled on the occasion referred to.

After the meeting we repaired to the banqueting hall where we spent a most pleasant couple of hours in a social way. The members of this Chapter are a jolly lot of good fellows who know how to make a stranger at home among them.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT—This Chapter held eight regular meetings with an average attendance of eleven. They have received and accepted three petitions, thus leaving their number about the same, or one of an increase over last year.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the eleventh of

June, and while the attendance was not large owing to some other attraction, yet those who were present gave me a hearty reception. I witnessed the Mark Masters' Degree conferred by the First Principal and his officers, which was very well done considering that this was the first work this Chapter had since installation. The officers of the Chapter are very energetic, and if they receive sufficient support from the members by their presence at the meetings nothing but profit and pleasure can result, and I bespeak for them a bright future.

I had the pleasure of meeting here my predecessor, Right Ex. Comp. Jonathan Greene, whose presence materially assisted to make it a very enjoyable night.

SUSSEX, NO. 59, AND ST. LAWRENCE, NO. 100, BROCKVILLE, ONT.—On reaching Brockville about noon I was informed that the Ogdensburg Companions, to the number of about fifty, had expressed their intention of visiting the above Chapters on this occasion for which purpose they had chartered a steamer to convey them to Brockville. I at once realized that the Brockville Companions had laid their plans on a very large scale and I felt that I would not be equal to the occasion, but fortunately the afternoon train brought a welcome surprise to me in the person of the Most Excellent Comp. Wm. Gibson, the Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Suffice it to say that he received the "glad hand" from me. About fifty of the members of Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters turned out to the meeting and there were over fifty visitors. A rousing reception was given the Most Ex. Comp. Gibson on entering the Chapter.

The work of exalting of candidates was proceeded with after the business was transacted. The officers of both Chapters participated therein with credit to themselves and their Chapter. The work was well done.

At the conclusion of the meeting we were ushered into a beautiful banqueting hall and invited to partake of what I would style a spread to the King's taste. When the tables were cleared many eloquent speeches were made by the Ogdensburg and Brockville Companions.

In response to the toast of the Grand Chapter Most Ex. Comp. Gibson delivered an eloquent and interesting address on Capitular Masonry to the delight of all present, after which several good songs were rendered by Comp. Bisset, who, by the way, is an excellent singer. Thus the evening and a

portion of the morning was taken up in the enjoyment of what everyone present voted a most instructive and sociable time.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 112, MORRISBURG, ONT.—On the 29th of October I made my official visit to St. John's Chapter. There was no work of any kind at this meeting. The number in attendance was ten. This Chapter ought to do well. Its prospects are good provided the members can be induced to attend the meetings better than they have done in the past. A splendid lot of good fellows belong to this Chapter who are anxious for its welfare, and, as I said, with a little encouragement for the officers by the members, I have no doubt of its success. I was most heartily received and royally entertained to a sumptuous repast presided over by Ex. Comp. Kennedy. Here an hour was very pleasantly spent.

COVENANT CHAPTER, NO. 113, CORNWALL, ONT.—I have the honor of being a member of this Chapter and am pleased to say that it is in a very prosperous condition, having held nine meetings with an average attendance of fifteen. The officers are very energetic and do not hesitate to say that Covenant Chapter will in a short time be the banner Chapter of this District.

MAITLAND CHAPTER, NO. 68, NORTH AUGUSTA, ONT.—I regret to say that I have not been able to visit this Chapter. When I had time to do so the Chapter had no work on hand, and as I was desirous of seeing the officers performing the work I put off the visit and latterly have not been able to spare the time. They have held three regular and three emergent Convocations with an average attendance of twelve members and six visitors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. J. FRAID,

Grand Superintendent, St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	Meetings.				Visitors.	Annual Dues.	No. of Members as per last Returns.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	No. of Members in Arrears 12 Months.	Present Membership.	M. M. M.	M. E. M.	R. A. M.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Dues Outstanding.	Cash or Securities on hand.	Insurance.	Property.	Prospects of Chapter.	Can Ex. Z do all Work?
			Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance.																							
1	Ancient Frontenac and Cataract	Kingston.	9	0	9	15	1	\$3 00	65	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	63	3	3	3	3	\$25 00	\$400 00	\$22 00	\$50 00	200 00	350 00	Good	Yes.
22	Grenville	Prescott	8	0	8	11	3	2 00	53	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	12	2	3	3	3	.....	875 00	50 00	125 00	200 00	700 00	Good	Yes.
59	Sussex	Brockville	9	1	10	15	3	1 00 and 1 00	75	5	5	0	0	1	0	1	28	5	5	4	4	.....	.....	127 00	.....	.....	.....	Good	Yes.
68	Maitland	North Augusta.	3	0	3	12	6	1 00	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	1	1	1	.....	.....	40 00	150 00	.....	25 00	Good	.....
00	St. Lawrence	Brockville	9	2	11	15	2	2 00	52	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	122 00	.....	.....	.....	Good	Yes.
12	St. John's	Morrisburg	6	0	6	10	..	2 00	39	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	37	3	3	3	3	50 00	330 00	100 00	.....	290 00	50 00	Good	Yes.
13	Covenant	Cornwall	9	0	9	15	2	1 50	70	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	9	3	2	2	2	Ni.	412 00	47 00	164 00	.....	.....	Good	Yes.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Excellent Grand., Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I regret to have to report that owing to ill health I was compelled to leave home for the West, and consequently could not execute the duties of the office of District Superintendent, and the M. E. the Grand Z. appointed Ex. Comp. W. Rea, of Ottawa, to act for me, to which he kindly consented.

ROBT. POLLOCK,
Grand Superintendent.

Winnipeg, Man., January, 1902.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter.

M. EX. SIR AND COMPANIONS,—Owing to the temporary absence from the District of the Grand Superintendent through ill-health, nothing was done in the matter of visiting the Chapters in this District, until the month of November, 1901, when I was requested by the M. E. the Grand Z. to take charge for the balance of the year. It was with much diffidence and reluctance that I complied.

The Chapters in the Ottawa District are five in number, viz :—Carleton, No. 16, at Ottawa ; Pembroke, No. 58, at Mattawa ; Granite, No. 61, at Almonte ; Bonnechere, No. 114, at Renfrew, and Maple, No. 116, at Carleton Place.

The Chapter at Renfrew was visited on the 18th of November. Ex. Comp. Simmins presided as First Principal, assisted by a very competent set of officers. One candidate received the M. M. M. Degree, which was conferred in a very correct manner. This Chapter is fortunate in being able to retain in active work several prominent past officers of Grand Chapter who are very enthusiastic and always ready and willing to assist in the work.

Carleton Place Chapter was visited on the 3rd of December. There was no degree work done, but the ceremonies which were exemplified by First Principal Garvin and his staff were rendered with an ease and a promptness that

showed the various officers were well skilled. The annual election of officers was held, and from the unanimous selection for the various positions it demonstrated that harmony and good-will prevails among the Companions. On the occasion of this visit Rt. Ex. Comp. W. B. McArthur, of Ottawa, was also present and assisted to make the occasion very pleasant.

On the 10th of December the Chapter at Almonte was visited and found to be working very satisfactorily. An exaltation was part of the work of the evening. The work performed by First Principal Dodds and the other officers was well done and left nothing to criticize.

The attendance at the above three Chapters was most satisfactory, especially when it is considered that many of the members live at great distances from the Chapter and in some cases travel fifteen and twenty miles over poor roads in order to meet with their brethren.

Owing to the lateness of the season, and other reasons, it was impossible to visit the Chapter at Mattawa. A reference to the reports of Grand Chapter since Pembroke Chapter was removed to Mattawa reveals the fact that from various causes the Chapter has not been successful. Since the Rt. Ex. Comp. Klock removed from Mattawa there seems to have been great difficulty in getting enough Companions together to hold meetings regularly. The Chapter has been most unfortunate in losing active and zealous members owing to removals from the town. This appears to be one of the principal causes of the Chapter not being as prosperous as it might be. The visit, however, made by Rt. Ex. Comp. N. W. Cleary, to this Chapter, in January, 1901, appears to have caused an earnest effort to be made on the part of the members to improve the condition of affairs that had existed for some time previously. Several meetings have been held during the year and new members have been received with a prospect at the present time of additional candidates presenting themselves for admission. Great credit is due to Rt. Ex. Comp. Cleary for the excellent progress made by this Chapter as a result of his very timely visit.

As regards Carleton Chapter at Ottawa it is needless to say that owing to this Chapter being able to secure the services during the past year, of a zealous staff of officers, the year just closing has been one of great prosperity. Several Past Officers of Grand Chapter and Past Principals, by their regular attendance and assistance, are an incentive to

the officers and members in their efforts to maintain the honorable record which this Chapter has attained. On the 9th of January a re-union of Carleton Chapter was held at which there was a large attendance of Companions from the Chapters in the District, The several Degrees were conferred on a large number of candidates during the day. The M. M. M. Degree as worked by Companions of Bonnechere Chapter was a most beautiful and inspiring rendering of the work, and received the well-merited commendation of all who had the privilege of being present and witnessing it. The proceedings of the day closed with a banquet, at which M. Ex. Comp. W. Gibson, Grand Z. ; Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, Grand H. ; Past Grand Superintendents W. B. McArthur, David Barr, David Taylor, C. B. Butterworth, S. A. Luke and N. W. Cleary, together with Judge Craig, Col. Turner, and other prominent members of the Craft, were present.

In conclusion I might state that it must have been a cause of great regret and disappointment, not only to R. E. Comp. Pollock, but also to the various Chapters he had anticipated the pleasure of meeting that he was obliged to seek rest and health in the West, and it is the earnest prayer of the Companions that his health may be restored so that he can return to his home and assist in the good work of the Craft that he loves so much.

My sincere thanks are due and tendered to the Companions of the several Chapters I was able to meet for their uniform kindness and attention. I regret that I was not able to give all the time and attention the District demanded, and trust that the coming year may be one of harmony and success to all the Chapters in the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM REA.

Ottawa, January, 1902.

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ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1901.

The District comprises four Chapters, viz. : Shuniah, No. 82, at Port Arthur ; Golden, No. 90, at Rat Portage ; Tuscan, No. 95, at Sudbury, and Algonquin, No. 102, at Sault Ste. Marie.

This is a District of magnificent distances, the distance being, from Sudbury on the east to Rat Portage on the west, nearly one thousand miles.

Owing to the great distance the Chapters are apart I was unable, like my predecessors, to pay them a visit, but as I was D.D.G.M. of the 17th Masonic District which ran concurrently during the latter part of 1901 and visiting the Blue Lodges in the District during the month of September, I made myself acquainted with the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District, especially in the western part.

GOLDEN, NO. 90, RAT PORTAGE.—I may say that there are quite a number of enthusiastic Companions in that town, and when I arrived on my official visit to their Blue Lodges I found they were awaiting Rt. Ex. Comp. Col. Ray, of Port Arthur, to come and assist them in giving the Royal Arch Degree to thirteen candidates, but up to the present they have not reported to me of him having been there. I regretted very much that I could not remain while in Rat Portage and hold a special convocation, but I had lost two days during a storm while on my way, in consequence of which I was obliged to make different arrangements than I had anticipated and it was impossible for me to remain over.

SHUNIAH, NO. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—Held eight regular meetings and two emergent. Annual dues, \$1.20 ; number of members per last return, 52 ; petitions accepted, 2 ; candidates initiated, 1 ; membership, 53 ; Degrees conferred, M. M., 1 ; M. E. M., 1 ; R. A., 0 ; number of members twelve months in arrears, 36 ; liabilities of Chapter, \$13.40 ; assets

of Chapter, \$675 26 ; cash or securities, \$412.81 ; property, \$100.00 ; dues outstanding, \$162.45 ; prospects of Chapter good.

TUSCAN, NO. 95, SUDBURY.—This Chapter, I am sorry to report, has not sent me a notice of any meetings, and from what information I can gather I fear that they did not have any meetings during the past year.

ALGONQUIN, NO. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE.—This is my mother Chapter and am pleased to say that it is very much alive and the prospects are very bright for a big year's work. The installation of the officers for 1902 took place on January 10th by Rt. Ex. Comp. W. H. Hearst, assisted by myself, after which the new officers conferred the M.M.M. which was done well. I bespeak for Algonquin Chapter that the year 1902 will be the best year in point of new members and good work being done by its officers since its inception.

Number of meetings held : regular, 10 ; emergent, 1 ; total, 11 ; average attendance, members, 15 ; visitors, 2 ; annual dues per member, \$2.00 ; number of members per last return, 48 ; petitions accepted, 17 ; affiliations, 1 ; withdrawals, 1 ; deaths, 2 ; present membership, 53 ; Degrees conferred, M.M.M., 7 ; M.E.M., 7 ; R.A., 7 ; number of members 12 months in arrears, 3 ; liabilities of Chapter, \$50.00 ; dues outstanding, \$25 00 ; assets of Chapter, \$720 ; amount of insurance, \$200 ; prospects of Chapter good.

In conclusion would say that Capitular Masonry will, I feel satisfied, go ahead by leaps and bounds in this New Ontario, and I trust and hope that my successor in office will be able to visit the Chapters, as I believe that a visit from the Grand Superintendent, especially when the Chapters are weak, will be the means of encouraging the indifferent members to take more interest in Capitular Masonry.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. H. KNIGHT,

Grand Superintendent, Algoma District, No 14.

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I have great pleasure in submitting my report on Capitular Masonry in District No. 15, which comprises the following Chapters, viz.: Prince Rupert's, No. 52, Winnipeg; Corinthian, No. 101, Boissevain; Zeredatha, No. 111, Morden.

Prince Rupert's being my own Chapter, I was present at all its meetings and paid an official visit in November, when the subordinate Degrees were conferred. I also paid an official visit in January, 1902, and installed the new officers. The work of this Chapter is good, and could not very well help being so, under so able and enthusiastic a Royal Arch Mason as Ex. Comp. Robert Magness, who is the best exponent of the Royal Arch we have in this Province. The present membership is 184 and should give courage and hope to some of the eastern Chapters, and stimulate them to renewed energy in spreading the light of Royal Arch Masonry. The finances of this Chapter are good and thanks to our genial treasurer, Rt. Ex Companion Leslie, they are likely to remain so. The average attendance was large all the year and the best of good feeling and harmony exists.

On November 20th I visited Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, at Boissevain. There was not a very large attendance owing to circumstances which could not be helped, but the kindly feeling of those that were there made up for the lack of attendance in a large measure. The expected candidate did not materialize, but I feel quite certain from what I saw and heard of the officers that their degree work would be all that could be desired. The membership is thirty-eight, and while they have not increased they have not gone back. I dwelt on the necessity of the Companions inviting their brothers of the Blue Lodge into the further light of the Royal Arch, and I feel quite certain that this will bear fruit this next year. The financial condition of the Chapter is good, they carry \$200 of insurance and have property to the value of \$300.

The only discouraging matter I have to report is the state of Zeredatha Chapter, No. 111, at Morden. I have

tried in various ways to have this Chapter call a meeting so I could pay them a visit, but could not get them to do so. My predecessor reported the prospects of this Chapter bad. Well, I am sure of it, and would strongly recommend that their charter be surrendered, as it would be better that no Chapter existed in Morden than one with no life, no enthusiasm, and no hope like a barren fig tree encumbering and retarding the progress of our Royal Craft.

There is still room for new R. A. Chapters in Manitoba and I would not be surprised to see an application from Moosomin for a new Chapter this next year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. MALCOLM SUTTIE,

Grand Superintendent, Manitoba District, No. 15.

Winnipeg, January 15th, 1902.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I hereby submit my report of Capitular Masonry in the Province of British Columbia for the year 1901. I regret very much that circumstances over which I had no control, have prevented me from doing my duty by the District, as I have been able to visit only four of the eight Chapters under my supervision. To do this it was necessary for me to travel over one thousand miles, but this I trust will be made easier for my successors in office, as I hope the motion before Grand Chapter at this communication to divide the District will be adopted.

I am pleased to report that the Chapters are all prosperous, and looking forward to a good year.

REVELSTOKE CHAPTER, U. D., REVELSTOKE.—On February the 19th, Rt. Ex. Comp. E. E. Chipman, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. H. H. Watson, of Vancouver, No. 98, and Ex. Comp. Robert Green, of Kootenay, No. 120, at my request—I being in Virginia at the time—visited Revelstoke, and duly instituted Revelstoke Chapter. He reported to me that he found the Principals well up in their work, a good

hall, and complete paraphernalia. They started off with eleven Chapter members and seven applications. The Mark Degree was conferred and left little for criticism. On December the 5th I visited them and they conferred the three degrees in a first class manner. I found a good deal of enthusiasm excited among the Companions, and all willing and eager to assist in the work. I have much pleasure in recommending that their Charter be granted.

NELSON CHAPTER, NO. 123, NELSON.—On March the 20th, Very Ex. Comp. W. J. Quinlan, at my request, presented Nelson Chapter, No. 123, with their Charter. He reported the Chapter in a prosperous condition. They were put to some inconvenience this summer, through the loss of their First Principal, he removing to Vancouver through business connection. This is remedied now through a new election of Officers, and Scribe E. reports prospects of a very bright year.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, NO. 124, NEW WESTMINSTER.—On March the 27th, accompanied by about twenty Companions from No. 98, I visited New Westminster and duly consecrated Westminster Chapter, No. 124, after which they conferred the Mark Degree. The work was very well done, and their prospects are good.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, NO. 125, FORT STEELE.—On March the 16th I mailed the Charter of Rocky Mountain Chapter, No. 125, to Ex. Comp. J. F. Armstrong. On April 9th he duly presented the same. I regret very much that this was done in such an informal manner, but as it is about seven hundred and fifty miles from here, and I had just returned from a three months' trip in the South, it was impossible for me to deliver it in person, and there was no Past Grand Chapter Officer within less than two hundred and fifty miles. Scribe E. informs me that they have had a very prosperous year, and the outlook for the future is bright.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 127, NANAIMO.—On April the 9th, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comps. T. Clouston, P. McNaughton, H. H. Watson, and Ex. Comps. T. J. Armstrong, J. W. Prescott, and the officers of Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, I visited Nanaimo, and by special dispensation from

the Grand Z. opened an Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and duly consecrated Keystone Chapter, No. 127. The minutes of the proceedings will be presented to you by the Grand Scribe E. We conferred the three Degrees for them, they never having seen the work as done by the Grand Chapter of Canada. I found them in very bad shape, not having held a meeting for over two years, and the Chapter practically dead. This was due to a very great extent, to the fact that they had never received a visit from a Grand Chapter Officer since they were instituted, and of the only two officers who had known the work, one had died, and the other moved away. I found they had lots of enthusiasm, and were anxious to make a success of the Chapter, but being handicapped for the want of someone familiar with the work, Rt. Ex. Comp. Watson and myself advised them to elect a First Principal and Principal Sojourner from Vancouver. This they did, and on October 17th I went over and installed them. The three Degrees were conferred by the newly installed officers in a very creditable manner. The First Principal and Principal Sojourner know their work thoroughly, and will make this one of the best Chapters in Canada. They have a very large field, with plenty of good material to draw from.

KOOTENAY CHAPTER, NO. 120, KASLO.—Rt. Ex. Comp. E. E. Chipman, who has recently been installed Scribe E., reports the Chapter in good shape.

ROSSLAND, NO. 122, ROSSLAND.—Comp. Keith Lackey, Scribe E., reports the Chapter prosperous, with bright prospects for a good year.

VANCOUVER, NO. 98, VANCOUVER.—This is my own Chapter and I have attended almost every communication. I visited them officially on January the 8th of this year, when I installed the officers for the ensuing year. I am pleased to report that they are in good shape, although the past year has been rather dull so far as degree work is concerned. The coming year, however, promises better results.

I herewith enclose you a tabulated statement of the work done and the standing of the Chapters in the District.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers and members of all the Chapters in the District for their courtesy, and also to express my appreciation of the Grand Scribe E. for the prompt and able manner in which he has always assisted me.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

C. H. GATEWOOD,
Grand Supt., British Columbia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16.

No.	Chapter.	Place.	Meetings.			Average Attendance.	Visitors.	Annual Dues.	No. of Members last Returns.	Membership.								Work Done.			No. of Members 12 M'ths in Arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	In Cash.	In Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount of Insurance.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. Work all Degrees ?
			Regular.	Emergent.	Total.					Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M.	M. E. M.	R. A. M.									
98	Vancouver.....	Vancouver.....	12	2	14	16	2	\$3 00	169	6	5	1	0	4	5	2	164	5	4	4	89	.....	£1700 00	\$750 00	\$400 00	\$550 00	\$400 00	Good.	Yes.
120	Kootenay.	Kaslo.....	9	1	10	11 4-10	1-10	3 00	40	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	38	2	1	2	13	.....	752 00	462 00	270 00	61 00	200 00	Good.	Yes.
122	Rosland	Rosland	10	8	18	14	2	2 00	46	10	7	3	0	1	1	0	54	7	7	7	3	\$30 85	1120 74	538 14	564 80	95 70	500 00	Good.	Yes.
123	Nelson	Nelson.....	12	0	12	13	2	3 00	35	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	38	4	4	2	11	65 00	403 70	174 00	.....	46 00	200 00	Good.	Yes.
124	Westminster.....	New Westminster.	8	4	12	12½	1½	6 00	21	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	28	6	8	10	4	50 00	351 25	45 00	200 00	106 25	.....	Good.	Yes.
125	Rocky Mountain..	Fort Steele.....	5	1	6	10	2	3 00	14	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	23	9	9	9	4	.....	250 00	150 00	.....	22 75	300 00	Good.	Yes.
127	Keystone.....	Nanaimo.....	4	1	5	16	3	6 00	.....	12	9	2	0	0	0	0	29	9	9	10	0	.....	250 00	150 00	100 00	.....	.....	Good.	Yes.
U.D	Revelstoke	Revelstoke	10	6	16	14	1	.....	.....	14	11	0	0	0	0	0	24	11	11	11	0	75 00	400 00	.....	400 00	.....	.....	Good.	Yes.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Principal Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

I have the honor as Grand Superintendent of Alberta District, No. 17, to submit my report of the progress of Capitular Masonry for the year ending the 31st December, 1901.

I regret exceedingly that I have not been able to visit the Chapters as often as I should wish, but time, expense and business are the excuses I am obliged to offer, although I often have the pleasure of meeting some of the Companions from all the Chapters and thereby giving what assistance I can. Probably it is partly my fault that Wascana, No. 121, has not done as well as they should, but it was impossible for me to visit them. I am happy to say that harmony prevails throughout the District.

ALBERTA, No. 106, CALGARY.—I have had the pleasure of frequently visiting this Chapter (twice officially) of which I am a member, and of seeing all the degrees worked in a creditable manner. This Chapter has made good progress, and is in good financial standing. Some new paraphernalia has been purchased, and everything kept clean and in good order. We had much pleasure in welcoming back our Companions from the war, who were fortunate enough to return without any wounds. We have to mourn the loss by death of E. Comp. Peter McCarthy, K. C., one of our oldest and respected Companions. I wish to make special mention of our Third Principal E. Comp. Dee, who resides twenty-five miles from town and yet has never missed a meeting during the year. The Companions have rewarded him by electing him to the Second Principal's chair.

NORTH STAR, No. 118, EDMONTON.—I have visited this Chapter twice during the year, once in January when I installed the officers, and again in September, when I saw the R. A. Degree exemplified, all the officers being well skilled. They have lost one of their most energetic Companions, E. Comp. Robertson, who has just left for South Africa. His assistance will be missed as he was the old reliable in this

Chapter. The books are kept neatly and all written up to date, no member a year in arrears, which speaks well for Scribe E. I issued a dispensation to this Chapter to attend Divine service on June 23rd.

WASCANA, NO. 121, REGINA.—I have been unable to visit this Chapter during the year, it being five hundred miles distant. Although I am hoping to get down shortly, I have had no report from them, and am unable to give any figures. I have written the First Principal twice without receiving a reply, and also to the Past Scribe E. with the same result.

ASSINIBOIA, NO. 126, MEDICINE HAT.—I have visited Medicine Hat four or five times during the year, but have only been present at two Convocations, the first on the 16th of March when I constituted this Chapter. The Companions have been working under difficulties, which accounts for so many Emergent Meetings, no less than seven being C. P. R. conductors, four of whom hold office. It is almost impossible for them to attend the same evening. However, since the election of new officers, this difficulty will disappear to a great extent, and progress will be more noticeable in the next year's report. The books have been fairly well written up.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. W. R. MARKLEY,

Grand Supt., Alberta District, No. 17.

Calgary, Dec. 31, 1901.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17.

No.	Chapter.	Name.	Location.	No. of Meetings		Average Attendance.	No. of Members, Dec. 31st, 1900.	Initiations and Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals and Suspensions.	Deaths.	No. of Members, Dec. 31st, 1901.	Petitions Accepted	Degrees Conferred.				Assets.				Liabilities.	Insurance Carried.	Prospects of Chapter.	Does E. Z. Work all Degrees?	Initiation Fee.	Annual Dues.
				Regular.	Emergent.	Members.	Visitors.							M. M. M.	M. E. M.	R. A. M.	No. of Members 12 Months in Arrears.	Cash.	Security.	Dues Outstanding.	Property.						
106	Alberta.....		Calgary	11	1	13	1	67	7	..	2	1	71	7	7	7	6	\$333 00	..	\$80 00	\$375 00	\$100 00	\$300 00	Good.	Yes.	\$30 00	\$3 00
118	North Star		Edmonton.	5	1	13	1	25	5	..	..	30	4	4	4	4	..	170 00	..	33 00	175 00	.....	100 00	Good.	Yes.	.....	3 00
121	Wascana		Regina.	1	.....	10	2	41	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	313 87	150 00	.....	.....	Good.	Yes.	.....	.....
122	Assiniboia.....		Medicine Hat.	5	4	9	1	14	2	..	..	16	4	1	1	1	..	.....	..	21 00	200 00	100 00	.....	Fair.	Yes.	30 00	3 00

A. W. R. MARKLEY,

Grand Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada.*

COMPANIONS. —I have the honor to submit the accompanying statement of cash received from the Chapters during the year ended 31st December, 1901, and beg to report that fifteen of them had not responded up to the time of closing the books.

Two of these, viz : No. 95, at Sudbury, and No. 111, at Morden, have been inactive for a couple of years and demand the intervention of the Superintendents of their respective Districts. Golden Chapter, No. 90, at Rat Portage, had begun the year under the most favourable auspices and had made good progress when the Companions lost their effects, including the Charter, by fire, and their praiseworthy intentions were thus checked. Unfortunately they had no insurance, but the First Principal writes in hopeful terms and states that the calamity will only be an incentive to renewed activity.

The Chapter at Shelbourne is gone beyond all hope. The only trace discoverable of its existence is the minute book which the Grand Superintendent, after diligent search, found and forwarded to this office. What few Companions remained in the place expressed no desire for a continuance of Chapter work, and R. E. Comp. McLaren, who deserves the thanks of Grand Chapter for his efforts in this direction, recommends the erasure of the warrant.

Some Chapters cling to the erroneous idea that the annual return is not due until after their installation convocation. This wrong impression is the occasion of much delay and consequent inconvenience, and may possibly account for the absence of communications from the other Chapters.

The Chapters from which returns are due are : Ezra, No. 23, Simcoe ; Pentalpha, No. 28, Oshawa ; Tuscan, No. 95, Sudbury ; Warkworth, No. 110, Warkworth ; Zeredatha, No. 111, Morden ; Assiniboia, No. 126.

In accordance with instructions I caused to be engrossed and bound the address of condolence and fealty to His Majesty the King, prepared by the Committee appointed at last annual Convocation and duly forwarded to him through His Excellency the Governor-General, whose acknowledgment,

together with a letter conveying the gracious acceptance of the address by His Majesty, will be found recorded later in these proceedings.

It was a matter for regret by the members of the Grand Council who signed the address and those who were privileged to examine the very beautiful artistic production before it was despatched to its destination, that it could not be examined by the Companions of Grand Chapter generally. It was the handiwork of the daughter of a worthy but now departed member of the Craft in Toronto, Miss Edith E. Shaw, and as a specimen of the engrossing and illuminating art was acknowledged by all to be perfect in its execution and accurately appropriate in design and colouring.

During the year applications were received from Companions resident at Southampton, Wiarton and Walkerton who desired the establishment of a Chapter at those places. In each case all the requirements preliminary to the action of the Grand Z. were duly attended to and under instruction I issued the necessary letters of dispensation to enable them to start working.

The following are the names of the applicants as appended to the several petitions :

CHANTRY, U. D., issued 22nd April, Southampton, Ont.—C. M. Bowman, Geo. E. Smith, F. H. Lee, P. J. Scott, H. Smellie, John Hagarth, Donald McAulay, E. J. Zinken, A. Macaulay, W. H. Johns, all of No. 63, G. R. Canada ; J. E. Williscroft, No. 15, G. R. Canada, and James Burns, No. 260, G. R. Pennsylvania.

AMABEL, U. D., issued 1st January, Wiarton, Ont.—Jas. Walmsley, Frank Campbell, Jas. E. Campbell, C. D. Wittlum, A. A. McKenzie, C. H. Knight, Wm. Gilbert, S. E. Foster, Geo. Armstrong, all of No. 56, G. R. Canada ; W. G. Simmie, No. 67, G. R. Canada ; Chas. E. Watson, No. 116, G. R. Canada ; S. W. Cross, No. 88, G. R. Canada.

SAUGEEN, U. D., issued 7th January, Walkerton, Ont.—R. C. Cheswright, No. 66, G. R. Canada ; Peter Todd, H. Clark, John Grainger, R. H. McKay, Thos. Hood, No. 50, G. R. Canada ; John H. Clark, Thos. Pinkerton, W. J. Chisholm, No. 63, G. R. Canada ; W. H. Day, No. 84, G. R. Canada ; H. Robinson, No. 80, G. R. Canada.

With the above additions and the extinction of the Chapter at Shelburne there are now 98 warranted Chapters and four under dispensation or a total of 102. From returns received to date the net gain in membership is 363.

The following is the financial statement and list of amounts received from Chapters :—

CASH STATEMENT.—GRAND SCRIBE E.

DR.

From Chapters.—Certificates.....	\$ 541 00	
Registration Fees.....	561 50	
Membership Dues.....	1298 30	
Dispensations.....	105 00	
Warrants.....	40 00	
Constitutions.....	57 40	
Sundries.....	29 60	
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		2632 80
Interest.—Toronto General Trusts.....	80 00	
Industrial School Bonds.....	680 00	
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		760 00
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Total.....		\$3392 80

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June 6, 1901—Grand Treasurer....	\$ 340 00
“ 7, “ “.....	400 00
July 2, “ “.....	40 00
Dec. 25, “ “.....	400 00
Jan. 2, 1902 “ “.....	400 00
“ 2, “ “.....	40 00
“ 8, “ “.....	600 00
“ 8, “ “.....	340 00
“ 16, “ “.....	400 00
“ 20, “ “.....	432 80
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Total.....	\$3392 80

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1901.

RECEIPTS FROM CHAPTERS.

1 Ant. F. & Cataraqu..	\$18 40	7 The Moira.....	\$31 60
2 The Hiram.....	83 70	8 King Solomon's....	38 70
3 St. John's.....	60 50	15 Wawanosh.....	78 40
4 St. And. & St. John's	53 10	16 Carleton.....	13 20
5 St. George's.....	35 20	18 Oxford.....	32 10
6 St. John's..	57 60	19 Mount Moriah....	25 70

20 Mount Horeb.....	\$58 10	73 Erie.....	\$28 20
22 Grenville	15 60	75 St. Clair.....	22 00
23 Ezra.....	2 00	76 Mount Nebo.	40 00
24 Tecumseh	34 00	77 Occident.....	42 60
26 St. Mark's.....	15 60	79 Orient.....	27 00
27 Manitou.....	16 20	80 Ark.....	42 00
28 Pentalpha.....	15 00	81 Aylmer.....	19 00
29 McCallum.....	10 86	82 Shuniah.	15 40
30 Huron.....	24 70	83 Ionic.....	29 00
31 Prince Edward.....	40 80	84 Lebanon.....	4 00
32 Waterloo	19 90	86 Macpherson.....	24 40
34 Signet.....	49 00	88 MacNabb	18 00
35 Keystone.....	17 00	90 Golden.....	1 00
36 Corinthian.....	18 00	91 Antiquity.....	70 10
37 Victorian.	20 00	94 Midland.....	10 30
40 Guelph.....	24 40	98 Vancouver.....	43 60
41 Harris.....	12 40	100 St. Lawrence	11 00
44 Mount Sinai.....	12 70	101 Corinthian.....	8 60
45 Excelsior.....	33 60	102 Algonquin.....	35 50
46 St. James.....	10 40	103 St. John's.....	13 20
47 Wellington.....	40 50	104 White Oak.....	20 40
48 St. John's.....	14 00	106 Alberta.....	34 60
50 Saugeen.....	12 50	110 Warkworth	1 60
52 Prince Rupert	46 80	112 St. John's.....	16 40
53 Bruce.....	37 60	113 Covenant.....	30 40
54 Palestine.....	66 20	114 Bonnechere.....	22 00
55 Niagara.....	14 60	115 Brant.....	18 60
56 Georgian.....	24 50	116 Maple.....	16 40
57 King Hiram.....	8 20	117 Berlin.....	44 20
58 Pembroke.....	21 20	118 North Star.....	15 00
59 Sussex.....	27 80	119 King Cyrus.....	16 50
60 Dorie.....	44 10	120 Kootenay.....	11 60
61 Granite.....	39 00	121 Wascana.....	17 40
62 York.....	10 20	122 Rossland.....	23 80
63 Havelock.....	33 30	123 Nelson.....	1 00
64 Willson.....	18 60	124 Westminster.....	39 40
65 St. Paul's.....	49 00	125 Rocky Mountain ..	30 80
66 The Malloch.....	15 20	126 Assiniboia	10 00
67 Enterprise	41 00	Revelstoke.....	27 80
68 Maitland.....	1 00	Chantry.....	28 00
69 Grimsby.....	36 80	Saugeen.....	25 00
70 Grand River	22 30	Amabel.....	25 00
71 Prince of Wales.....	25 40		
72 Keystone.....	23 80		
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			\$2632 80
Interest.—Toronto General Trusts.....	80 00		
Industrial School Bonds.....	680 00		
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			760 00
Total.....			<hr/>
			\$3392 80

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT,

Grand Scribe E.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

HUGH MURRAY, GRAND TRASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
GRAND CHAPTER.

1901.	DR.	
Jan'y	To Balance, as per Statement, at this date.....	\$2756 10
June 6,	Grand Scribe E., Interest, Toronto Industrial	
	School Bonds.....	340 00
" 7,	Grand Scribe E.....	400 00
July 2,	" " Interest Toronto General Trust	
	Bond	40 00
Decr 25,	Grand Scribe E	400 00
1902.		
Jan. 2,	Grand Scribe E	400 00
" "	" " Interest, Toronto General Trust	
	Bond.....	40 00
" 8,	Grand Scribe E.....	600 00
" "	" " Interest, Toronto Industrial	
	School Bonds.....	340 00
" 16,	Grand Scribe E	400 00
" 20,	" "	432 80
Total.....		\$6148 90

1901.	CR.	
Feb'y 4,	By Order 1082, Grand Scribe E., Incidentals.....	\$29 00
" 6,	" 1065, Mrs. Frank Holman, Benevolence	10 00
" " "	1080, Geo. J. Bennett, For. Cor. Report	100 00
" " "	1071, Mrs. Donald McLeod, Benevolence	10 00
" " "	1079, Frank P. Gassion, "	25 00
" " "	1069, Arch Couper, "	20 00
" 7,	" 1059, Mrs. Chas. A. Burdon, "	10 00
" " "	1073, Mrs. G. S. Baker, "	20 00
" 8,	" 1064, Mrs. John Kennedy, "	10 00
" " "	1062, William Hawthorne, "	25 00
" 9,	" 1063, Mrs. Edmund Hill, "	15 00
" 11,	" 1084, M. E. Comp. Reid, Bal. Expenses.	9 00
" " "	1068, Chas. W. Smith, Benevolence.....	20 00
" " "	1075, Mrs. Hugh Rankin "	15 00
" " "	1085, Rolph Smith & Co., Certificates ..	97 50
" 12,	" 1083, J. H. Pritchard, Gr. Janitor,.....	5 00
" " "	1074, Mrs. W. B. Wallace, Benevolence..	5 00
" 13,	" 1061, William Duff Benevolence.....	20 00
" " "	1058, Mrs. John Munro "	10 00
" " "	1072, Frederick Mudge "	20 00
" 14,	" 1070, Mrs. C. E. S. Black, Benevolence..	10 00
" 15,	" 1081, Grand Scribe E., Incidentals.	150 00
" 16,	" 1073, Mrs. Wm. Marrioth, Benevolence..	7 50
" " "	1076, James O'Connor, Benevolence.....	25 00

Feb'y	19,	By Order	1057, Mrs. S. H. Blondheim, "	\$15 00
"	27,	"	1077, Mrs. Peter Grant, "	10 00
Mar.	1,	"	1067, Miss Kerr, Benevolence.	5 00
"	5,	"	1086, D. Henderson, Engrossing Warrants	21 00
"	7,	"	1087, The Hunter, Rose Co., Printing. . .	44 25
"	13,	"	1066, Mrs. T. D. Harington, Benevolence	20 00
"	14,	"	1088, Testimonial to M. E. Comp. Reid. .	250 00
"	20,	"	1060, Eliza M. J. Thomas, Benevolence. .	10 00
"	"	"	1089, Ambrose, Kent & Co., G. Z's. Regalia	36 50
"	30,	"	1088, Bernard Cairns, Electros, etc.	7 60
Apl.	2,	"	1094, Grand Treasurer, Salary.	12 50
"	"	"	1093, Grand Scribe E., "	200 00
"	4,	"	1090, Edith E. Shaw, Engrossing Address	50 00
"	"	"	1092, Dudley & Burns, Printing Proceed- ings.	291 30
"	18,	"	1901, Rolph Smith & Co., Certificates. . .	32 50
May	2,	"	1095, D. Henderson, Engrossing Warrants	4 00
"	10,	"	1096, Toronto Engraving Co., Engraving and Photograving, Address to King. .	17 60
"	30,	"	1097, Grand Scribe E., Rent	75 00
June	25,	"	1100, Grand Scribe E., Salary.	200 00
"	28,	"	1124, The Hunter Rose Co., Books, Sta- tionary, etc.	41 20
"	"	"	1099, Grand Treasurer, Salary.	12 50
July	3,	"	1098, A Shaw, Expenses Attending Grand Committee	10 50
Aug.	19,	"	1109, Mrs. Fred Holman, Benevolence. . .	10 00
"	20,	"	1108, Mrs. John Kennedy, "	10 00
"	"	"	1110, Mrs. T. D. Harington, "	20 00
"	21,	"	1117, Mrs. J. S. Baker, "	20 00
"	"	"	1123, Frank P. Gassion, "	25 00
"	"	"	1107, Mrs. Edmond Hill, "	15 00
"	22,	"	1113, Arch'd Couper, "	20 00
"	"	"	1114, Mrs. C. E. S. Black, "	10 00
"	23,	"	1112, Chas. W. Smith, "	20 00
"	24,	"	1118, Mrs. W. B. Wallace, "	5 00
"	"	"	1111, Miss Kerr, "	5 00
"	27,	"	1116, Frederick Mudge, "	20 00
"	"	"	1106, William Hawthorne, "	25 00
"	28,	"	1102, Mrs. John Munro, "	10 00
"	"	"	1105, William Duff, "	20 00
"	29,	"	1119, Mrs. Hugh Rankin, "	15 00
Sep.	3,	"	1103, Mrs. Chas. A. Burdon, "	10 00
"	6,	"	1104, Eliza M. J. Thomas, "	10 00
"	"	"	1101, Mrs. S. H. Blondhim, "	15 00
"	7,	"	1122, Mrs. W. Marriott, "	7 50
"	16,	"	1121, Mrs. Peter Grant, "	10 00
Oct.	1,	"	1115, Mrs. Donald McLeod, "	10 00
"	25,	"	1125, American Surety Co., bonds.	15 00
"	31,	"	1128, Malcolm Gibbs, Insurance Premium	3 95
Nov.	2,	"	1126, Grand Treasurer, Salary.	12 50
"	5,	"	1127, Grand Scribe E., "	200 00
"	15,	"	1120, James O'Connor, Benevolence. . . .	25 00
Dec.	7,	"	1128, Rolph Smith & Co., Certificate. . . .	65 00
"	"	"	1129, Grand Scribe E., Rent.	75 00

1902.

Jan.	14,	"	1133, Ambrose Kent & Co., Regalia.....	\$ 27 60
"	"	"	1132, The Hunter Rose Co., Printing, Stationery.....	19 75
"	15,	"	1130, Grand Scribe E., Salary.....	200 00
"	"	"	1131, Grand Treasurer, ".....	12 50
Total.....				\$3003 25

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER,
JANUARY, 1902.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts Company, @ 4 %.....	\$ 2000 00
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, @ 4 %.....	17000 00
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	3145 65
Total...————.....	\$22145 65

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

HAMILTON, 20th January, 1902.

We hereby certify that the above-named bonds are in the custody of the Bank for safe keeping, on account of Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and that the balance at the credit of the said Hugh Murray, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, on the books of the Bank, at the close of business, at this date, is three thousand one hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-five cents.

D. B. DUNCAN, *Manager*.HUGH POLSON, *Accountant*.

Fraternally Submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Acknowledgments of Address.

OTTAWA, 12TH APRIL, 1901.

SIR,

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of an engrossed Address to His Majesty the King from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, expressing sympathy with His Majesty in his recent sad bereavement, and offering assurances of loyalty and devotion to His Majesty's Crown and Person.

His Excellency will cause this tribute of the kind feeling and duty of the Grand Chapter to be forwarded without delay for submission to the King.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HARRY GRAHAM,

Captain, A.D.C., Acting Governor General's Secretary.

GEO. J. BENNETT, ESQ.,

Temple Building, Toronto.

OTTAWA, 31ST MAY, 1901.

SIR,

In obedience to commands received from His Majesty the King, His Excellency the Governor General desires me to convey to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, His Majesty's sincere thanks for their loyal and sympathetic message.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. S. MAUDE,

Major, Governor General's Secretary.

GEO. J. BENNETT, ESQ.,

Temple Building, Toronto.

On the presentation of the latter communication, Grand Chapter was called up by the M. E. the Grand Z. and on the conclusion of the reading the large gathering of Companions united in singing the opening verse of the National Anthem.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

Letters expressing regret at inability to be present were received from M. E. Companions M. Walsh, Ingersoll, and Robt. Henry, Jr., Kingston; R. E. Comps. W. B. McArthur, Ottawa; W. F. Cooper, Petrolea; John McLaren, Orangeville; T. H. Brunton, Newmarket; W. J. Hallett, Barrie, and E. Comp. W. Rea, Ottawa.

The following communication was read :—

Halifax, N.S., January 13th, 1902.

GEO. J. BENNETT, ESQ.,

Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Canada.

Dear Sir and R. E. Comp.—On October 17th, 1897, by the disastrous fire which nearly swept the town of Windsor out of existence, Welsford Lodge and Hiram Chapter lost their charter and all their property. The Grand Lodge of England under whose jurisdiction Welsford Lodge worked before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has very graciously furnished the Lodge with a duplicate of the old charter free of charge and they value it very highly. The Hiram Chapter before the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, was chartered and worked under the banner of the Grand Chapter of Canada, (chartered August 10th, 1869, at Goldenville, N.S., and numbered 33), and I am requested by the Companions of Hiram Chapter to bring this matter to your notice and ascertain if it is possible to secure from your Grand Chapter a duplicate of the original charter.

I can assure you they would appreciate it very highly. The Companions of "Hiram" are zealous and progressive Royal Arch Masons and are doing all in their power to regain their lost ground.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia would esteem it a great favor if you could assist the Companions of Hiram Chapter in the matter. With kind regards,

Yours fraternally,

D. H. CAMPBELL,
Grand Secretary.

It was thereupon moved by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn and unanimously

Resolved,—That the request contained in the communication from the Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia with reference to the issue of a duplicate warrant to The Hiram Chapter, No. 33, be acceded to and that the same be issued free of charge.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee, which on motion of R. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. D. H. Martyn, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

The Executive Committee presented the report on

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that in view of the good progress made by the Companions of Revelstoke, B. C., working under dispensation during the past year, as shown by the well-kept books of the Chapter, we recommend that a charter be granted by this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee would have also recommended a charter for the Companions of Chantry Chapter, who have been working under dispensation at Southampton, Ont., since last April, and who have added six to their number; but they wish to present a better showing and ask to be continued under dispensation.

What has been reported to your Committee indicates that the Companions of Amabel Chapter, at Wiarton, Ont., to whom letters of dispensation were sent recently, will do well. We therefore recommend that the dispensation be continued for a year.

The Companions at Walkerton to whom letters of dispensation were forwarded, under the name of Saugeen Chapter, a short time ago, are desirous that Grand Chapter should grant them a charter at this Annual Convocation. Some years ago the Constitution permitted the re-issue of dormant warrants to places other than where it was first issued, and in this manner the warrant of Saugeen Chapter, No. 50, surrendered by Walkerton, came into the possession of certain Companions at Mitchell, who have held it creditably ever

since. The advent of better times, the growth of Masonic sentiment and the importance of the location, appealed to the Companions of Walkerton, who are desirous of seeing Royal Arch Masonry re-established on a solid footing in the chief town of their County. Hence their application for a dispensation under the old name, which is appropriate to the locality. Naturally the applicants are desirous of working under their old charter, and the Mitchell Companions are equally desirous to abandon it to them and take a name more suitable. The arrangement for an exchange is mutually agreeable, the Walkerton Companions taking the old warrant and meeting all expenses, and those of Mitchell selecting a new title, and taking the new charter with a number in proper order of rotation. As the petitioning Companions of Walkerton are energetic Masons and enthusiastic in the Royal Craft, and the prospects for a healthy and growing Chapter are unusually bright, your Committee have no hesitation in recommending that their application for a charter under the above conditions be granted.

Your Committee have learned with regret that the Companions of Golden Chapter, No. 90, at Rat Portage, have recently lost all their paraphernalia and effects, including their charter, by a disastrous fire, and that no insurance had been effected on the same. They had been working diligently after a period of inaction and the prospects were very promising, and as they are united in the effort to resume working in as short a time as possible, the issue of a duplicate charter is cordially recommended.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. BIRRELL,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Birrell, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

The Executive Committee presented the report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the M. E. the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report as follows.—That we have examined the books of the Grand

Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer and all vouchers connected therewith, and find that they agree accurately with the Bank "Certified" Statement up to Jan 20th, 1902.

The following is a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for past year.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand Jan. 19th, 1901.....	\$ 2,756 10
" Certificates.. .. .	541 00
" Registration Fees	561 50
" Membership Dues.....	1,298 30
" Dispensations.....	105 00
" Warrants	40 00
" Constitutions	57 40
" Sundries	29 60
" Interest Toronto General Trusts.....	80 00
" " Industrial School Bonds.....	680 00
Total	\$ 6,148 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders on Benevolence	\$ 675 00
Salary, Scribe E.....	800 00
" Treasurer	50 00
Foreign Correspondence	100 00
Rent Temple Building.....	150 00
Printing—Dudley & Burns—Proceedings.....	291 30
" Hunter Rose Co.....	105 20
" Rolph, Smith & Co.—Certificates.....	195 00
" D. Henderson—Engrossing Warrants.....	25 00
Expenses, P. G. Z.....	9 00
" Chairman Ex. Com.....	10 50
Incidentals, G. S. E.....	179 00
Grand Janitor	5 00
Testimonial, P. G. Z.. . . .	250 00
Regalia	64 10
Guarantee Bonds	15 00
Insurance	3 95
Electros.....	7 60
Address to H. M. the King	67 60
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,003 25
Balance on hand in Bank of Commerce.....	3,145 65
	\$ 6,148 90

ASSETS.

Industrial School Bonds.....	\$17,000 00
Toronto General Trusts.....	2,000 00
Balance, Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	3,145 65
Total	\$22,135 65

LIABILITIES.

Benevolence	\$ 615 00
Foreign Correspondence	160 00
Incidentals—Advance, 1902	175 00
“ Balance, 1901	23 00

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting their appreciation of the manner in which your Grand Scribe E., Rt. Ex. Companion Geo. J. Bennett, and your Grand Treasurer, Rt. Ex. Companion Hugh Murray, have discharged the duties of their respective offices during the past year.

We recommend that part of the funds at present on hand, to the extent of at least \$2,000, be invested in interest bearing bonds.

We also recommend that a duplicate Warrant be furnished to Golden Chapter, No. 90, Rat Portage, and issued to the Companions there free of charge, but that this be not regarded as a precedent, as the attention of all Chapters is hereby called to the fact that their effects should be insured against loss, as provided for by the Constitution, *vide* Art. 4, Sec. 5.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM WALKER,

Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Walker, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

The Executive Committee presented the report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the M. E. Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, NO. 28, *v.* KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 35.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals to whom was referred the matter of Pentalpha Chapter, No 28, Oshawa, *versus* Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, begs to report :

Pentalpha Chapter complains that Keystone Chapter has been guilty of an invasion of the jurisdiction of the said

Pentalpha Chapter in receiving applications from certain brethren residing in Port Perry.

From the evidence adduced it appears that the town of Port Perry is nearer to Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, than to Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, by between one and two miles, although your Committee has not been enabled to ascertain the exact distance from the domicile of the brethren mentioned from either of the above named Chapters. As the charge has been withdrawn and merely a protest filed, the matter is not properly before your Committee to report thereon, but the following suggestions are made which it is hoped may be for the general welfare of the Royal Craft.

In this and similar cases Chapters should confer with each other and try to arrive at an amicable agreement when doubtful legal questions are involved, and, as far as possible, the convenience of applicants should be considered.

A Chapter wishing to receive applications, as to which there is any doubt, should in all cases request in a proper manner the consent of the other Chapter for a waiver of their jurisdiction, and if this be done, doubtless the request would be acceded to.

This course your Committee recommends should be adopted in the present case, and if consent be refused an application should be made to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. for a dispensation under Article 8, Sec. 3, of the Constitution.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

Toronto, 21st January, 1902.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. E. Halliwell, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS.

*To the Most Ex. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry, Canada :*

The Executive Committee beg leave to present the following report on the address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal. The Committee heartily endorse as a source of

gratification the continued success that has attended the Royal Craft all over our jurisdiction during the year that has just closed.

Your Committee are pleased to note that our finances are in a prosperous condition, and that Grand Chapter has been able to assist quietly some of the wants of our Companions, or those who are dependent upon them, and still carry a handsome balance to the credit of our reserve. The Companions of Grand Chapter join with the M. E. the Grand First Principal in mourning the loss of our Past Grand First Principal M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, and that a memorial page be placed in our proceedings to commemorate his honored name.

Your Committee also join with the Grand Z. in his expression of regret at the death of so many distinguished Companions both within and without our jurisdiction, and who occupied during their lives high and distinguished positions, rendering great service to the Royal Craft.

We are pleased to note that the Committee appointed by Grand Chapter, at its last Annual Convocation, to prepare an address of sympathy to His Majesty King Edward VII. on the death of his mother our late beloved Queen Victoria, accomplished its duty and that the address was duly forwarded through the proper channel, and a reply to the same received by our Grand S. E.

Your Committee cordially approve of the Grand Z.'s calling a special Convocation of Grand Chapter at Nanaimo, B. C., when taking over Keystone Chapter at the consecration and installation of that Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and feel with our Grand Z. that our Companions in that far-off province are doing a noble and good work, and recommend that their desire for a division of territory into two districts be acceded to by Grand Chapter.

The Committee is glad to learn that the Grand Z. has been able to make official visits to so many of the subordinate Chapters, which will bring forth good results, and the hearty royal reception which he received on every occasion must necessarily be pleasing to him, showing the marked evidence of loyalty to the distinguished position held by him.

The Committee has much pleasure in asking Grand Chapter to concur in the appointment of Ex. Comp. W. Rae,

of Ottawa, as Superintendent of the Ottawa District in place of R. E. Comp. Pollock, who had left that jurisdiction.

Your Committee approve and ask Grand Chapter to concur in the following appointments made by the Grand First Principal during the year :

R. E. Comp. T. C. Macnab, near Grand Chapter, Delaware.

R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, " " Vermont.

R. E. Comp. Alexander Patterson, " " Virginia.

And your Committee think along with the Grand Z. that these offices are more than a mere name, and it is intended that each representative should be at his post when Grand Chapter is convened.

Your Committee have great pleasure in noting the reference contained in the Grand Z.'s address to the substantial addition added to the roll of Grand Chapter, and the able, ready and willing assistance rendered him by his Council and efficient executive officer, Rt. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand S. E. With such a staff of able assistants, Grand Chapter will no doubt be able to show even a better record for the year which we are just entering upon.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. REID,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be received and adopted.

. CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter.

After a careful review of the reports of the seventeen District Superintendents, your Committee feel justified in reporting the condition of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction to be very satisfactory and that substantial progress has been made in nearly every District.

The various Superintendents have all been faithful in the discharge of their duties and there are very few Chapters

that were not visited once, and in many instances the Superintendent visited many of them twice. The reasons given in the cases of those not visited are satisfactory, and in some instances the distance was so great the Superintendent could not spare the time necessary to reach them.

Your Committee is pleased to note that there were three Chapters of Instruction held during the year in the following Districts : London, No. 2 ; Huron, No. 6 ; Ottawa, No. 13 ; all of which seem to have been well attended, at which good work was done and much interest evinced by those present. There is no doubt but that much good is done at the Chapters of Instruction in the way of securing uniformity of work, the exchange of ideas on matters of interest in the work and the encouragement of the social side of Masonry. Let there be, if possible, a Chapter of Instruction in each District during the coming year.

Your Committee is pleased to report that so many of the Chapters were privileged to receive a visit from the M. E. the Grand Z., and at most of the Chapters he visited he was accompanied by one or both of the other Grand Principals. His visits have resulted in much good to Capitular Masonry, as by his interesting and instructive remarks on operative Masonry as applied to speculative Masonry, he has opened a new line of thought to many of the Companions, thereby stimulating them to greater zeal and interest in the work of the Royal Craft.

Your Committee is pleased to note that the work of the Scribe E. in the private Chapters has been alluded to by many of the District Superintendents as being well and faithfully performed by them, and the neatness of their books commented upon. With a good Scribe E. the Chapter as a rule makes good progress, for it is next to impossible for a First Principal to have a successful year unless faithfully and ably assisted by his Scribe E.

Another matter which your Committee is pleased to note is relating to outstanding dues, the efforts to collect same seem to have met with considerable success and we trust that greater effort on that line will be made in the future.

From the report of the Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, we find that every Chapter in the District is in good working order. The Chapters seem to be in a prosperous condition and the Scribe E. of the various Chapters are reported as keeping their books in a neat condition.

The Superintendent of London Disirict, No. 2, says, "That the condition and prospects of Capitular Masonry in the District are very satisfactory in every way. Each of the seven Chapters is progressing and appears to be in a very satisfactory condition." He suggests that the outstanding dues (in many of the Chapters, the amounts being too large), should be collected promptly, in which your Committee concurs. A Chapter of Instruction was held in Petrolia, on the 16th October, 1901, at which a large number were present and which proved to be both interesting and instructive. In closing, he says, "Taking the District as a whole, I think that the best of harmony and good-will now prevails and that the future of this branch of Masonry in London District is very bright."

In Wilson District, No. 3, the Superintendent reports as follows: "It affords me great pleasure to state that peace and harmony have been unbroken in the District throughout the year. The returns shew an increase of membership and that all of the Chapters have done exceedingly well." Your Committee is pleased to note that Brant Chapter, No. 116, which was so weak two years ago, is now one of the best in Wilson District.

The Superintendent of Wellington District, No 4, reports five Chapters in good condition in his District, and one, Seymour Chapter, No. 38, Shelburne, dormant. This Chapter has not held any meeting since June, 1896. Five years ago the Chapter room was destroyed by fire, when the warrant and furniture were consumed in the flames, and since that time the Chapter has had no habitation. Fortunately, the minute book was saved, and has been transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. in whose possession it now is.

During the year the Grand Superintendent has corresponded with members of the Chapter with the view of reviving it, but the information received is discouraging, deaths and removals having reduced the members on the roll, and he feels constrained to recommend that the Chapter be erased from the register of Grand Chapter

Your Committee are of opinion that a town like Shelburne should be able to support a Chapter, and recommend that a special effort be made during this year to resuscitate Royal Arch Masonry in that thriving place.

The Superintendent of Hamilton District, No. 5, reports that he visted all the Chapters and finds that harmony

prevails throughout the District and all of the Chapters have increased in membership. The prospect of St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, is not very encouraging, and he ascribes the reason to be want of enthusiasm among the members, which causes a poor attendance. The attention of the incoming Superintendent is drawn to the above state of affairs, with a request to remedy the same as far as he can.

From the Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6, comes a very encouraging report, he having constituted two new Chapters, one at Southampton, Walkerton, and the other at Walkerton, with good prospects at both places. He says, "that while there is no noticeable boom, yet Capitular Masonry is making steady progress. Every Chapter reports an increase in membership during the year, a total increase of 59." A very successful Chapter of Instruction was held on the 27th November, 1901, at Seaforth, at which many prominent Companions were present, including R. E. Comp. DeWitt, H. Martyn, Grand J. Every Chapter and some of them twice, was visited, and the utmost harmony prevails in the District.

From the report of the Superintendent of Niagara District, No. 7, we find he visited every Chapter in the District and reports the condition of Capitular Masonry in his District as good.

The Superintendent of the Toronto District, No. 8, presents an able and well written report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in that District. He reports all the Chapters as being prosperous and the Ritualistic work as nearly perfect as could be given. He reports the Chapters as all working harmoniously as the result, to a great extent, of his encouraging the social and fraternal visiting of the Chapters with each other. He says, "The Scribes E. of the different Chapters in the District are efficient and capable and keep their books in a good and correct manner. Financially, they are all in a good position. Some of them show a large amount of outstanding dues, but this is being looked after sharply. The prospects of the Chapters in the District are very good and have never been at so high a state of progress as they are at present." He deals with the subject of restoring the work of the M. E. M. degree as it was previous to the revision and which has been discussed throughout the District. He was most assiduous and faithful in visiting the Chapters under his charge.

The Superintendent of Georgian District, No. 9, in his report gives a lengthy and detailed account of his visits to the various Chapters in the District, and we gather that he found the same to be in good condition and prosperous, there being quite an increase of membership throughout the District.

The Superintendent of Ontario District, No. 10, submits an encouraging report and shows an increase of members of twenty-four, and says, "that whilst all the Chapters have held their own, several have made quite satisfactory, and two most gratifying increase in membership." One noticeable and most encouraging feature of the year's history is the interest manifested in Chapter work by our younger Masonic brethren. The dues are generally paid to date and the financial standing of the Chapters in the District excellent.

The Superintendent of Prince Edward District, No. 11, sends in a report which shows the difficulties under which he performed his duties and paid his visits. Not long after his election, which was made in his absence from Grand Chapter, business arrangements caused him to take up his residence in Grand Rapids, Mich., and it was not until the Christmas holidays he could spare time to get back to Canada. During his short stay he managed to visit all the Chapters in the District but one, and he reports them all but one to have good prospects and in good financial condition. There has been a small increase in membership. He speaks of St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, as being almost dormant, and recommends that Grand Chapter place the matter in the hands of his successor for the purpose of making a special effort to revive the Masonic zeal of its members. Your Committee urges the incoming Superintendent to make a special effort to revive the Chapter.

The Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, No. 13, says, "that Capitular Masonry in this District is in a prosperous condition generally, with splendid prospects for the future." The Superintendent visited all the Chapters but one, for which he assigns a very good reason. A visit was paid by the M. Ex. Grand Z. to a joint meeting of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, at Brockville, on the occasion of a fraternal visit from a number of Ogdensburg Companions, at which a pleasant time was spent and much good feeling expressed in the many eloquent speeches made by the Ogdensburg and Brockville Companions.

Owing to the removal on account of illness of R. Ex.

Comp. Pollock who was elected as Superintendent of Ottawa District, No. 13, the work of visiting the Chapters was undertaken by Ex. Comp. Wm. Rea, of Ottawa, who has performed the duties connected with the office with skill and faithfulness. He reports the work done in the Chapters he visited as being well done, and although the increase in membership has been small, the Chapters seem to be in a good financial condition with good prospects. Your Committee is pleased to see that Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, at Mattawa, shows good prospects of becoming a live and active Chapter once more.

The report of the Superintendent of Algoma District, No. 14, shows him to be an enthusiastic worker. He visited all the Chapters he could spare time to get to, the distance from the east portion of his District to the western end being over 1,000 miles. With one exception all the Chapters held regular meetings and increased in membership. He reports the prospects as being good.

The report of the Superintendent of Manitoba District, No. 15, shows that with the exception of Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg, no progress has been made in that District. The prospects of Prince Rupert Chapter are excellent and he has hopes that Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, will do something next year.

Zeredatha Chapter, No. 111, at Morden, appears to be dormant, not having held any meeting in the past two years. The Superintendent recommends that the Charter be withdrawn. The Committee advise that a further effort be made, before recommending this extreme action.

From far away British Columbia, District No. 16, comes another encouraging report that the Chapters have done good work and the prospects for the coming year are good. Your Committee joins with the Superintendent in the hope that the motion to divide the District will carry as it is much too large for any one man to spare the time necessary to visit all the Chapters. The Superintendent had to travel over 1,000 miles to visit such of the Chapters that he did get to.

The Superintendent of Alberta District, No. 17, in submitting his report, after expressing his regrets for not being able to visit the Chapters as often as he would have desired, says, "I am happy to say that harmony prevails throughout the District." He visited all the Chapters but one at least once and some of them oftener. His inability to visit Wascoma Chapter, No. 121, is excusable, considering it is over

500 miles from his residence and he could not find the time to spare from his business. The outlook in that far distant and widely spread District is very encouraging.

The conclusion to be drawn from the reports of the year's work is one of satisfaction that steady progress has been the result and it is the hope of your Committee that the coming year may be a bright one in the history of Capitular Masonry.

It is with deep sorrow and regret that your Committee has to record the death of our much beloved Companion R. B. Hungerford, P. G. Z., who passed away, after a short illness, on the 9th September, 1901, at his home in London. M. E. Comp. Hungerford was well known for his Masonic zeal and the interest he took in all branches of Masonry. He had the distinguished honor of being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the time of his death. He was very regular in his attendance at Grand Chapter and his genial presence and advice will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes out to his afflicted widow and her family at the great and irreparable loss they have sustained. We are also called upon to mourn the loss of several other well known and distinguished Companions, among whom may be named R. E. Comp. Alex. Findlay, of London, whose regular attendance at Grand Chapter will be much missed.

Your committee has also learned with sorrow of the loss sustained by our sister jurisdiction of Quebec in the death of the veteran Craftsman Col. J. H. Isaacson, who for a long period worthily held the position of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ROAF, *Chairman.*

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

The Executive Committee presented the report on

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Benevolence has examined the applications for relief presented to it, and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made :

No. 1.	Widow of John Munroe.....	\$ 20 00
" 2.	Widow of Charles A. Burden.....	20 00
" 2.	Widow of Comp. E. J. Thomas.....	20 00
" 3.	Comp. William Hawthorn	50 00
" 6.	Widow of J. F. Holman.....	20 00
" 6.	Widow of John Kennedy.....	20 00
" 6.	Widow of Edmond Hill.....	20 00
" 8.	Widow of T. D. Harington.....	100 00
" 16.	Daughter of William Kerr.....	10 00
" 29.	Widow of G. E. S. Black.....	20 00
" 29.	Comp. Archibald Couper.....	40 00
" 30.	Mother of Donald McLeod.....	20 00
" 35.	Comp. Frederick Mudge.....	40 00
" 37.	Widow of Jonas S. Baker.....	40 00
" 37.	Widow of W. B. Wallace.....	20 00
" 37.	Widow of Joseph Wilson Lafour.....	40 00
" 44.	Widow of Hugh Rankin.....	30 00
" 52.	Comp. James O'Connor.....	50 00
" 54.	Widow of William Marriott.....	15 00
" 54.	Widow of Peter Grant	20 00
" 77.	Comp. Frank P. Gassion.....	50 00
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		\$665 00.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN S. DEWAR, *Chairman.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved. — That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada.

COMPANIONS—An application for recognition from the

Grand Chapter of New Zealand has been pending for three years. This was solely owing to the long existing differences with the mother Grand Chapter of England. That body has now accorded to the young Grand Chapter its countenance as a legally organized Grand Chapter, and your Committee would, under those circumstances, feel justified in recommending that the Grand Chapter of Canada accord a similar recognition to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand and take steps for an exchange of representatives.

Your Committee also desires to recommend that the Grand Chapter of New Mexico which has been taken into the family of Grand Chapters under the General Grand Chapter of the United States, be formally recognized by this Grand Chapter and that an interchange of representatives be requested.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. J. BENNETT, *Chairman.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn, and

Resolved—That the supplementary report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. E. COMP. REID.

In accordance with the provisions of a resolution passed at the last annual Convocation, the M. E. the Grand Z. appointed a Committee of three to prepare and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Past Grand Z., in recognition of his services to this Grand Chapter. The occasion selected was the evening of the 14th March, at a meeting of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton. There was a very large attendance of Royal Arch Masons, including many visitors. There were also the three members of Grand Chapter appointed to make the presentation: R. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, of Kingston, Grand H.; R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, of Toronto, Grand Scribe E., and R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, Grand Treasurer. On behalf of the Grand Chapter, R. E. Comp. Shaw presented M. E. Comp. Reid with a handsome testimonial, accompanied by the following engrossed address, which was fittingly replied to by the honored recipient:

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL
ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

TO WILLIAM GILZEAN REID, PAST GRAND Z. :

Most Excellent Companion and Dear Brother,—It must have been gratifying that, after many years of faithful service in office in the subordinate bodies of Capitular Masonry, your Companions in Grand Chapter elected you to the highest office in their gift, and that at the end of your term they paid you the additional honor of re-electing you for another year.

Upon your withdrawal from office at the last annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, your brethren decided to present you with a testimonial in recognition of your zeal and ability, and in acknowledgment that the years in which you served as Ruler were among the most successful in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

In carrying out the expressed wish of Grand Chapter, the Committee desire to congratulate you, Most Excellent Sir, upon the large additions made to the membership during the past two years, upon the improved condition of the finances of Grand Chapter, upon the perfect harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and upon the success which has attended your efforts in many directions for the propagation and extension of Capitular Masonry.

In presenting for your acceptance this address and the accompanying testimonial, we wish you, dear brother, every happiness and prosperity, and trust that these will remind you of the very pleasant official relations which have existed between you and the officers and members of Grand Chapter.

The earnest prayer of the Committee is that the beautiful teachings of the Royal Arch may be exemplified in our lives, and in the life of each member of every Chapter, so that to be called a Royal Arch Mason may be to be acknowledged everywhere as one who is true to his Lodge, his family, his brother and his friend, and devoted to his country and his God.

A. SHAW,	} Committee.
GEO. J. BENNETT,	
HUGH MURRAY,	

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. S. Dewar, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto, be a member of the Committee on Benevolence and be continued for the term of three years.

The motion being put to Grand Chapter, it was declared carried unanimously.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms :—

M. E. Comp.	J. E. Harding,	Lindsay,	retires in	1903
R. " "	J. S. Dewar,	London,	"	1904
R. " "	J. B. Nixon,	Toronto,	"	1905

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn, and

Resolved,—That British Columbia District, No. 14, be divided, and to be known in future as British Columbia District, No. 16, and Kootenay District, No. 18, the former to embrace the Chapters at Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo; and the latter, those at Kaslo, Rossland, Nelson, Fort Steele and Revelstoke, and that Section 4, Article 1, of the Constitution be amended in accordance therewith.

RE-ISSUE OF THE CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That as the last edition of the Book of Constitution is about exhausted, the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to have printed a sufficient number, embracing all amendments up to date, to meet the requirements of the coming year, and further

That the M. E. the Grand Z., appoint a committee to revise the Constitution and that proof sheets, showing all changes and amendments recommended by that Committee, be sent by the Grand Scribe E. to the constituent Chapters on or before the 1st day of December, 1902.

GREETINGS INTERCHANGED.

R. E. Comp. J. S. Dewar moved, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, that the following message be sent to the Grand Chapter of Michigan, then in session at Detroit.

"The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada in Annual Convocation assembled send fraternal greetings to the Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan and wishes them unbounded prosperity during 1902."

In the course of the afternoon the following reply was received, signed J. S. Conover, Grand Secretary.

"Grand Chapter of Michigan returns greetings with compound interest added."

THE M. E. M. DEGREE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. F. Manley, and

Resolved,—That the M. E. the Grand First Principal be requested to appoint a committee to consider the restoration of the Most Excellent Master's Degree to its original form and report at next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The M. E. the Grand Z. having appointed scrutineers of the ballot, the results of the elections were delared as follows :—

M. E. Comp.	William Gibson, Beamsville,	Grand Z.
R. E.	Abraham Shaw, Kingston,	Grand H.
“	DeWitt H. Martyn, M.D., Kincardine,	Grand J.

Grand Chapter was then called off for the space of fifteen minutes to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

Grand Chapter resumed labour, when the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	W. H. Benson, Chatham,	St. Clair	Dist.	No.	1
“	G. F. Clark, M.D., Aylmer,	London	“	“	2
“	S. Y. Taylor, Paris,	Wilson	“	“	3
“	J. W. Porteous, Galt,	Wellington	“	“	4
“	Geo. Moore, Hamilton,	Hamilton	“	“	5
“	J. Russell Stuart, Stratford,	Huron	“	“	6
“	J. C. Rothery, Niagara Falls, S.,	Niagara	“	“	7
“	Francis Blackburne, Toronto,	Toronto	“	“	8
“	G. M. Aylesworth, Collingwood,	Georgian	“	“	9
“	G. N. Baker, Lindsay,	Ontario	“	“	10
“	Jas. H. Colden, Picton,	Pr. Edward	“	“	11
“	W. S. R. March, Kingston,	St. Lawrence	“	“	12
“	William Rea, Ottawa,	Ottawa	“	“	13
“	T. W. Chapple, Rat Portage,	Algoma	“	“	14
“	J. D. Baine, Boissevain,	Manitoba	“	“	15
“	T. J. Armstrong, N. Westminster,	Brit. Columbia	“	“	16
“	Hedley C. Taylor, Edmonton,	Alberta	“	“	17
“	Geo. A. Mitchell, Rossland,	Kootenay	“	“	18

The election of Grand Officers was then resumed with the following results :—

R. E. Comp.	G. J. Bennett, Toronto,	Grand Scribe E.
" "	Hugh Murray, Hamilton,	Grand Treasurer.
" "	E. Herbert Briggs, Toronto,	Grand Scribe N.
" "	J. A. Macfadden, Stratford,	Grand Prin. Sojr.
" "	Alan Cameron, M. D., Owen Sound,	Grand Registrar.
" "	J. H. Pritchard, Toronto,	Grand Janitor.

The following Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :—

R. E. Comp.	William Roaf	Toronto.
" "	D. F. MacWatt	Sarnia.
" "	W. T. Toner	Collingwood.
" "	J. E. Halliwell	Stirling.
" "	R. J. Craig	Cobourg.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto being the only place put in nomination for the next annual Convocation, that city was declared to be the unanimous choice of Grand Chapter.

LAWRASON ET AL V. WILSON.

In connection with the above case which had been disposed of by St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, where it was referred back on the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals of last year. E. Comp. S. F. Lawrason stated that he had lodged an appeal against the Chapter's decision with the Grand Superintendent of the District but it had apparently not been forwarded thence to the office of the Grand Scribe E. He therefore asked that steps be taken to bring it to light.

The M. E. the Grand Z. thereupon appointed R. E. Comps. D. F. MacWatt and J. S. Dewar a commission to enquire into all the facts and report direct to to him.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, assisted by M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, then proceeded with the installation and

investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the usual honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following Companions were subsequently appointed by the M. E. the Grand Z. to office in Grand Chapter :

V. E. Comp.	W. A. Karn, Woodstock,	Grand Senior Sojourner.
" "	W. H. Mowat, Brockville,	" Junior Sojourner.
R. E. "	J. B. Nixon, Toronto,	" Lecturer.
V. E. "	John Richardson, Aylmer,	" Sword Bearer.
" "	R. B. Kelly, New Westminster,	" Master 1st Veil.
" "	R. A. Williamson, Picton,	" " 2nd Veil.
" "	Fred. Miller, Hamilton,	" " 3rd Veil.
" "	W. J. A. Lake, Toronto,	" " 4th Veil.
" "	R. G. Willis, Boissevain,	" Standard Bearer.
" "	Hugh A. Currie, Collingwood,	" Dir. of Ceremo-
" "	A. M. Ross, Whitby,	" Organist [nies.
" "	Geo. White, Windsor,	" Pursuivant.
" "	Chas. Bews, Stratford,	" Steward.
" "	Richard Lipsit, Grimsby,	" "
" "	W. F. Michell, Galt,	" "
" "	John L. Culbert, Ottawa,	" "

The M. E. the Grand Z. further appointed the under-mentioned Companions to the Executive Committee :

R. E. Comp.	William Walker.....	Toronto.
" "	William Birrell.....	Hamilton.
" "	William Forbes	Grimsby.
" "	John Leslie.....	Winnipeg.
" "	J. R. Fitzgerald.....	Colborne.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. H. Martyn.

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters, for their kindly attention and fraternal reception of the officers and members of Grand Chapter, as well as for the arrangements made for the Forty-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in **Ample Form**, at 6.30 p.m.



Geo. J. Bennett

Grand Scribe E.

TORONTO, January 22nd, 1902.

No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions.	Joinings.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	An. Front. and Cat'i	Kingston.	Third Friday.	W. S. R. Murch.	Wm. Thomson	3	3	1	1	2	2	62	1	2
2	The Hiram	Hamilton.	Fourth Friday.	R. Lancelfeld	Fred. Walter	20	1	1	3	2	2	184	14	
3	St. John's	London.	Fourth Wednesday.	John Graham	John Callard	16	1	1	3	3	2	177	13	
4	St. And. and St. John.	Toronto	First Friday.	H. S. King.	R. J. Beeman	13		1	3	3	1	111	7	
5	St. George's	London	Fourth Thursday.	R. W. Evans	C. C. Reed	8			2		1	141	5	
6	St. John's	Hamilton	Second Thursday.	Jas. F. Mercer	W. J. McAllister	7	2	1	2		5	213	3	
7	Moira	Belleville	First Tuesday.	Rev. D. F. Bogart.	Wm. McKeown	3			2		1	112	1	
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	First Wednesday.	S. Wilkinson	T. Y. Egan	1	1		9		2	176		9
15	Wawanaah	Samia.	Second Friday.	Geo. S. Samis.	W. A. Wiggins	24			5	2	1	147	16	
16	Carleton	Ottawa.	Third Friday.	S. A. Luke.	H. A. Biggins.	1		1	4	5		69		7
18	Oxford	Woodstock.	Third Monday.	John J. Watt.	A. E. Swagzie.	8	1		3	3	1	86	6	
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	Friday on or b. f. m.	F. Killmer.	Thomas Kerr	4	1		1	7	2	66		12
20	Mount Horob.	Brantford.	First Friday.	W. R. McCormack.	John M. Graham	5	1		3		2	53		6
22	Grenville	Prescott.	Second Tuesday.	W. A. Logan	W. S. Kelley.	2						113		
23	Esra.	Simcoe	Thursday after f. m.	R. S. McGill	J. Russell Stuart.		4	1	1		1	103	4	
24	Teumseh	Stratford	First Monday.	Wm. H. Hurrell	Robert Robertson							39		
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	Tuesday on or af. f. m.	J. D. Rowe.	Alex. Hener.	2						61	2	
27	Manitou.	Collingwood	Friday bef. f. m.	C. A. Macdonald.	L. K. Murton.							45		
28	Pentlapha	Oshawa	Second Friday.	J. F. Grierson	J. B. Sheehan	1						44	1	
29	McCallum.	Dunnville.	Friday on or af. f. m.	Jos. Ewing.	Wm. D. Tye.	3	2		1			62	4	
30	Huron	Goderich.	Third Tuesday.	F. J. T. Natfel	Charles Blake	7			3	3		127	6	
31	Prince Edward	Pictou.	Monday on or af. f. m.	R. A. Williamson	W. J. L. Graydon	4	2					65		
32	Waterloo	Galt.	Second Monday.	R. J. Lockhart, M.D.	W. J. Hallett	14						106	11	
34	Signet	Barrie.	Second Tuesday.	Samuel Ship	W. H. Woodrow	8						63	8	
35	Keystone.	Whitby	Third Friday.	Fred. Hatch	Walter Stocker	3						68		
36	Corinthian.	Peterboro'	Third Tuesday.	Alex. Gibson	J. W. Sanders.	3						67	1	
37	Victoria.	Port Hope	Second Friday.	James Might, M.D.	George Chapman.	4		1	2			62		
40	Guelph.	Guelph.	Second Friday.	W. G. Stephenson.	J. F. Williams	1						41		
41	Harris	Napanee	Wednesday af. f. m.	B. Patterson	J. G. Fennell	2	1		6	2	1	68	6	
44	Mount Shnal.	Colborne	First Tuesday.	Wm. Rankin	James Thorne	10			1			50		
45	Excelsior	St. Marys	Third Friday.	W. Webster	F. S. Sharp	2						38		
46	St. James	Chatham	Second Thursday.	L. E. Tilton.	Alex. Gregory	13	1		1		1	70	12	
47	Wellington	Cobourg	Friday on or b. f. m.	A. Bowman	Robert Buck.	3						7	3	
48	St. John's	Mitchell	Thursday on or b. f. m.	Wm. Elliott.	W. G. Hinds.	3	1		1			31	3	

52	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	First Thursday	W. Braden	J. M. Cosgrave	4	4	134
53	Buce	Petrolia	First Thursday	J. H. Stinson	R. G. Denham	7	1	98
54	Palestine	St. Thomas	Second Thursday	W. H. Ingram	W. E. Idsardi	13	4	148
55	Niagara	Niagara	Thursday after f. m.	Frederic Masters	Richard Briggs	2	3	23
56	Georgian	Owen Sound	First Tuesday	H. H. Burgess	John Rutherford	11	1	63
57	King Ifram	Port Colborne	First Thursday	Robert Gillies	Thomas J. O'Neill	2	2	21
58	Pembroke	Mattawa	Third Tuesday	C. W. Haentschel	T. J. Harwood	7	1	39
59	Sussex	Brockville	Third Friday	A. H. Gilham	George K. Dewey	6	1	79
60	Doric	Newmarket	First Wednesday	L. Atkinson	J. E. Hughes	15	1	73
61	Granite	Almonte	Second Tuesday	Robert S. Dodds	Ralph Hill	2	2	38
62	York	Eglington	First Thursday	R. J. Gibson	W. E. Hofland	2	6	34
63	Havelock	Kincardine	Third Thursday	A. Campbell	M. J. Macpherson	10	1	64
64	Willson	Welland	Last Wednesday	David Ross	George Wells	12	1	52
65	St. Paul's	Toronto	Second Wednesday	James Bicknell	S. B. Sykes	18	2	118
66	The Malloch	Seaford	Third Monday	L. C. Jackson	R. S. Hays	4	4	36
67	Enterprise	Harriston	First Monday	Frank Birss	R. J. Wells	14	1	65
68	Maitland	North Augusta	Friday after f. m.	J. B. Love	J. H. McCully	6	1	30
69	Grimby	Grimsby	First Wednesday aft. mo.	R. Lipsit	W. B. Vandyke	6	2	54
70	Grand River	Bracebridge	Third Thursday	James Whitten	Francis P. Warne	6	1	50
71	Prince of Wales	Amherstburg	Monday after f. m.	W. T. Wilkinson	Thomas Hobley, M.D.	3	2	37
72	Keystone	Stirling	Wednesday bef. f. m.	J. V. Bedford	J. Earl Halliwell	1	1	35
73	Erie	Ridgetown	Monday after f. m.	D. P. McPhail, M.D.	G. Middleditch	10	1	57
74	St. Clair	Milton	Second Tuesday	Joseph E. Bate	W. Panton	9	1	26
75	Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls, S.	Friday on or af. f. m.	Evan E. Fraser	J. C. Hull	13	1	60
76	Occident	Toronto	Second Friday	L. H. Luke	George K. Clemens	2	1	93
77	Minnewawa	Parkhill	Friday on or af. f. m.	George Sutherland	Wm. Dawson	2	2	47
78	Orient	Toronto	Fourth Thursday	J. W. Seymour Corley	F. H. Anderson	6	1	88
79	Ark	Windsor	Second Monday	George E. White	A. E. Edgar	4	11	94
80	Aylmer	Aylmer	Friday on or af. f. m.	J. B. Ogilvie	J. E. Richards	8	1	65
81	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Third Friday	J. W. Morgan	J. Ritchie	1	1	53
82	Ionic	Orangeville	Tuesday af. f. m.	R. H. Robinson	D. McPherson	4	1	64
83	Lebanon	Wingham	Third Tuesday	J. S. Borden	R. Vanstone	6	1	33
84	Macpherson	Meaford	Thursday af. f. m.	James Sparling	W. H. Sing	4	1	32
85	MacNabb	Dresden	First Thursday	E. Worth	J. B. Carscallen	2	4	40
86	Golden	Rat Portage	Second Wednesday	T. W. Chapple	A. Carmichael	12	3	32
87	Antiquity	Toronto	Third Friday	Robert Ross	A. E. Till	23	1	106
88	Midland	Lindsay	Third Thursday	J. J. McMahon	G. S. Patrick	1	1	49
89	Tuscan	Sudbury	Tuesday af. f. m.	C. R. Reid	W. A. Evans	5	1	34
90	Vancouver	Vancouver	Second Wednesday	F. M. Cowperthwaite	Herbert Brooke	5	4	163
91	St. Lawrence	Brockville	First Thursday	A. Graham	S. R. Stayner	1	1	56
92	Corinthian	Boisevain	Wednesday af. f. m.	J. D. Baive	H. S. Price	3	1	53
93	Algonquin	Sault Ste. Marie	Second Friday	C. W. McOrae	H. P. Broughton	7	1	46
94	St. John's	North Bay	First Friday	J. H. Rutherford	S. Weegar	2	1	42
95	White Oak	Oakville	Second Tuesday	James C. Ford	W. O. Joyce	6	2	71
96	Alberta	Calgary	First Tuesday	J. Grant Gordon	E. Nelson Brown	7	1	37
97	Warkworth	Warkworth	Wednesday af. f. m.	A. M. Hamilton	J. E. Ewing	1	1	93
98	Zeredatha	Morden, Man.	First Wednesday	P. Rutherford	H. Melkie	1	1	93

CHAPTER RETURNS, 31ST DECEMBER, 1901.

No.	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions.	Joinings.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
112	St. John's.....	Morrisburg.....	Tuesday on or at. f. m....	W. K. Faringer.....	John Warren.....	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	42	3	.....
113	Covenant.....	Corrwall.....	Third Wednesday.....	W. C. McGuire.....	F. Bisset.....	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	69	.....	1
114	Bonnechere.....	Refreew.....	Third Monday.....	S. H. Murphy.....	Donald S. Stewart.....	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	54	3	.....
115	Brant.....	Paris.....	Second Tuesday.....	James Smiley.....	W. M. Whitehead.....	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	6	.....
116	Maple.....	Carleton Place.....	First Tuesday.....	P. A. Garvin.....	A. H. Edwards.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	3	.....
117	Berlin.....	Berlin.....	Third Friday.....	W. H. Seeger.....	Thomas W. Saunders.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	5	.....
118	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday.....	G. T. Bragg.....	J. W. Morris.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	8	.....
119	King Cyrus.....	Leamington.....	Tuesday at. f. m....	R. Hillier.....	James S. Greenhill.....	3	1	.....	1	2	.....	38	1	.....
120	Kootenay.....	Kaslo.....	First Tuesday.....	Frank R. Townsend.....	E. E. Chipman.....	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	41	.....	2
121	Wasana.....	Regina.....	Second Thursday.....	J. M. Young.....	Frank Nash.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....
122	Rossland.....	Rossland.....	First Tuesday.....	G. A. Mitchell.....	Keith Lackey.....	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	8	.....
123	Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Third Wednesday.....	Charles G. Mills.....	Thomas J. Sims.....	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	39	3	.....
124	Westminster.....	New Westminster.....	Fourth Thursday.....	T. J. Armstrong.....	D. P. Sanderson.....	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	7	.....
125	Rocky Mountain.....	Fort Steele.....	Second Tuesday.....	J. F. Armstrong.....	R. L. T. Galbraith.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	9	.....
126	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat.....	Friday on or b. f. m....	James Rae.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....
127	Keystone.....	Nanahoe.....	Third Thursday.....	F. J. Schofield.....	J. D. Quine.....	9	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	23	.....
128	Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke.....	First Tuesday.....	Rev. C. A. Proculner.....	T. E. L. Taylor.....	11	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	12	.....
129	Sageen.....	Walkerton.....	Third Tuesday.....	R. C. Cheswright.....	John Hogarth.....	6	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	11	.....
U D	Chantry.....	Southampton.....	Tuesday b. f. m....	Fred H. Lee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	18	.....
U D	Amabel.....	Warton.....	Thursday on or b. f. m....	James Walmsley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	12	.....

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll.....	102
“ Chapters Represented.....	71
“ Registrations.....	660
“ Joinings.....	95
“ Restorations.....	15
“ Withdrawals.....	119
“ Suspensions.....	99
“ Deaths.....	61
“ Deaths.....	28
Seymour Chapter erased.....	.....
Total number on the Roll.....	6533

Net gain..... 363

SUSPENSIONS.

- No. 1. Chas. Stewart, A. Horn.
- No. 2. Wm. Pray, C. J. Dixon.
- No. 4. Geo. Moir, Harry E. Parkin, C. H. Corton.
- No. 15. H. V. Fairbairn, W. H. Hill.
- No. 16. W. H. Calborn, A. L. Frood, F. J. Kidd, J. W. McRea, S. Slim.
- No. 18. A. S. F. Vincent, H. R. Lyon, D. H. Bale.
- No. 19. W. W. Greenwood, A. C. Camp, R. H. Dyer, H. G. Hunt, J. M. Clement, A. W. McWaugh, W. Campbell, L. C. Camp, A. H. Ellis, G. Stanley, H. K. Woodruff, H. W. Hodgins, H. Bruder.
- No. 20. J. E. Storey, J. E. Taylor, Thos. Elliott, J. E. Alford, H. D. Curtis, J. C. Boughner, Sydney Smith.
- No. 32. T. McGiverin, A. Oelschlager, J. L. Mesuir.
- No. 45. Wallace Kemp, G. G. Goslee.
- No. 54. D. Gerrard, Angus Gray.
- No. 58. W. R. White, John de Sousa, R. W. Allen, J. Cockburn, G. Bryson, R. G. Plaw.
- No. 62. G. Brown, J. E. Clubine, J. Cudmore, R. Skinner, H. Cooper, G. Reeves.
- No. 65. E. T. Henderson, G. Reeves.
- No. 70. R. J. Watson, M. C. McCaw.
- No. 77. C. Edwards, D. McVicar, G. Addy, John Fox.
- No. 80. G. R. Anderson, W. Newman, G. Burdett, J. D. Nobbs, John Clark, S. Ryckman, L. C. Hardcastle, E. E. Shultz, W. H. Jarman, G. W. Stockwell, C. J. McArthur.
- No. 88. S. J. Ball, C. Livingstone, Daniel Galbraith, W. Carette.
- No. 91. J. C. Gray, J. B. Hannah, John Hall, A. E. Hurst, A. H. Keith, J. O. Orr, G. W. Boughten, Geo. Challes, G. W. Bundy.
- No. 98. W. Hogg, J. Twaddle, J. C. Rowley, P. H. Underwood, J. E. Finlayson.

No. 113. A. A. Weagant, M. W. Ridley, J. D. Campbell.

No. 119. Chas. Quallins, Thos. Mills.

No. 122. Isaac N. Thomas.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 3. J. J. Lynch.

No. 4. R. J. Beeman.

No. 6. G. M. Franklin.

No. 16. D. R. Macfarlane.

No. 24. Wm. Gillespie.

No. 40. J. R. Clunis.

No. 58. W. R. White

No. 63. Harry Richardson.

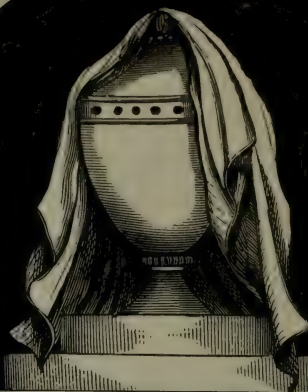
No. 77. Samuel E. Guest.

No. 78. Joseph James, Henry W. Harrison.

No. 79. Frank H. Anderson.

No. 81. F. H. McLean.

No. 91. J. W. St. John, G. B. Mittleberger.



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— Departed —

Companions

IN MEMORIAM



M. Ex. Companion

Richard Beecher Hungerford

Past Grand Z.

Died September 9th, 1901

London.





R. Ex. Companion

Alexander Findlay

Past Grand Scribe N.

Died December 23rd, 1901.

London.



Deaths.

No. of Chap.	NAMES.	DEATHS.
1	J. A. Charles.....	January 25th
1	R. V. Matthews	November 15th.....
2	Wm. McMeekin.....	January
2	Chas. Franks.....	March.....
3	T. A. Parkinson.....	May 25th.....
3	Alex. Findlay.....	December 23rd.....
4	Bernard Jennings.....	May 27th.....
5	Richard B. Hungerford..	Sept. 9th
6	J. Dickson.....	April 5th.....
6	H. Stewart	May 5th.....
6	W. Hand	October 11th
6	B. E. Charlton.....	March 13th.....
6	H. W. Hedges	December 5th.....
7	Jas. Smith.....	March 8th.....
8	Samuel Wilson.....	June 6th
8	John Morrison	August 27th.....
15	Eugene Phelps.....	May 6th.....
19	John R. Monro.....	March 27th
20	Hugh McK. Wilson.....	February 4th
20	Arthur Sturgis Hardy....	June 16th.....
22	N. Ward	March 14th
22	John Carruthers.....	April 1st.....
24	Elijah Hodgins.....	July 10th.....
31	John Barker.....	July 11th.....
36	Robt. H. Davidson.....	August 1st.....
36	George Munro.....	September 18th.....
36	John McKee.....	December 21st.....
37	Joseph N. Lafour.....	August 13th.....
40	Wm. H. Harding.....	April 11th
40	John H. Naismith	September 18th.....
41	Alex. Rumsey.....	June 27th.....
44	W. D. McRae.....	June 7th.....
45	Richard Thorburn	December 14th.....
46	Wm. Irving.....	.....
46	Joseph H. Aikins .....	.....
47	Wm. Carlile.....	September 16th.....
54	A. E. Griffith.....	February 13th
56	Thos. Coleman.....	.....
59	Jas. Quigg.....	November 6th.....
60	Wm. Albert Hutt	October 12th.....
64	W. E. Barker.....	November 14th.....
65	Frank Robertson.....	November 20th.....
68	John B. Davis.....	February 17th.....
69	Daniel Pool.....	May 4th.....
69	William A. Cole.....	April.....
75	James Barber.....	December 14th.....

Deaths.

No. of Chap.	NAMES.	DEATHS.
76	Thos. H. Young.....	February 28th.....
76	Chas. T. Clark.....	April 2nd.....
80	Wm. Brindle..	January 25th.
80	Reuben Purser	July 2nd.
83	William Still.....	December 26th
88	J. A. Steinhoff.....	.....
98	John Carlile.....	July 25th.....
98	J. G. Griffiths.....	January 14th.....
98	T. W. Walker.....	October 3rd.....
102	D. R. Springer	April 30th.....
102	A. J. Green.....	September 23rd.....
103	John W. Bailey.....	June 3rd.....
106	Peter McCarthy.....	September 7th.....
113	Geo. A. Guy.....	October 31st
121	William Cayley Hamilton.	Octobober 3rd



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Kingston, President.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. E. Comp.	J. E. Harding.....	Lindsay
"	" Donald Ross	Picton
"	" Robert Hendry, Jr.....	Kingston
"	" J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton
"	" Henry Robertson.....	Collingwood
"	" Kivas Tully.....	Toronto
"	" J. Ross Robertson.....	Toronto
"	" M. Walsh.....	Ingersoll
"	" W. G. Reid.....	Hamilton
R. E.	" D. H. Martyn.....	Kincardine

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	W. H. Benson, Chatham,	St. Clair	Dist.	No.	1
"	" G. F. Clark, M.D., Aylmer,	London	"	"	2
"	" S. Y. Taylor, Paris,	Wilson	"	"	3
"	" J. W. Porteous, Galt,	Wellington	"	"	4
"	" Geo. Moore, Hamilton.	Hamilton	"	"	5
"	" J. Russell Stuart, Stratford,	Huron	"	"	6
"	" J. C. Rothery, Niagara Falls,	Niagara	"	"	7
"	" Francis Blackburne, Toronto,	Toronto	"	"	8
"	" G. M. Aylesworth, Collingwood,	Georgian	"	"	9
"	" G. N. Baker, Lindsay,	Ontario	"	"	10
"	" Jas. H. Colden, Picton,	Pr. Edward	"	"	11
"	" W. S. R. Murch Kingston,	St. Lawrence	"	"	12
"	" William Rea, Ottawa,	Ottawa	"	"	13
"	" T. W. Chapple, Rat Portage,	Algoma	"	"	14
"	" J. D. Baine, Boissevain,	Manitoba	"	"	15
"	" T. J. Armstrong, N. Westminster,	British Columbia	"	"	16
"	" Hedley C. Taylor, Edmonton,	Alberta	Dist.	"	17
"	" Geo. A. Mitchell, Rossland,	Kootenay	"	"	18

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

R. E. Comp.	Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto.....	Grand Scribe E.
"	" E. H. Briggs, Toronto	Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER.

R. E. Comp.	W. Roaf.....	Toronto
"	" D. F. MacWatt	Sarnia
"	" W. T. Toner.....	Collingwood
"	" J. E. Halliwell.....	Stirling
"	" R. J. Craig.....	Cobourg

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

R. E. Comp.	William Walker.....	Toronto
" "	William Birrell.....	Hamilton
" "	William Forbes.....	Grimsby
" "	John Leslie	Winnipeg
" "	J. R. Fitzgerald.....	Colborne

SUB-COMMITTEES.

GRAND Z'S ADDRESS.

M. E. Comps. J. J. Mason, Chairman ; J. Ross Robertson, J. E. Harding, R. Hendry, Jr., Kivas Tully, Donald Ross, H. Robertson, M. Walsh, W. G. Reid.

BENEVOLENCE.

M. E. Comps. J. E. Harding, Chairman ; R. E. Comps. J. S. Dewar and J. B. Nixon.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. E. Comps. William Walker, Chairman ; F. Blackburne, J. H. Colden, S. Y. Taylor, J. C. Rothery, G. F. Clark, W. H. Benson.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. E. Comps. D. F. MacWatt, Chairman ; D. H. Martyn, J. Earl Halliwell, J. Russell Stuart, W. S. R. Murch, T. W. Chapple, H. C. Taylor.

WARRANTS.

R. E. Comps. W. Birrell, Chairman ; Geo. Moore, J. W. Porteous, G. M. Aylesworth, G. N. Baker, W. Rea, J. D. Baine, T. J. Armstrong, G. A. Mitchell.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

R. E. Comps. W. Roaf, Chairman ; Hugh Murray, W. T. Toner, John Leslie, R. J. Craig, J. R. Fitzgerald, Wm. Forbes.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett.

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. H. Benson, Chatham.

No. 47, Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 80, Ark.....	Windsor
" 71, Pr. of Wales...	Amherstb'g	" 88, Macnabb.....	Dresden
" 73, Erie.....	Ridgetown	" 119, King Cyrus	Leamington

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. G. F. Clark, M.D., Aylmer.

No. 3, St. John's.....London	No. 54, Palestine.....St. Thomas
" 5, St. George's.....London	" 87, Minewawa.....Parkhill
" 15, Wawanosh.....Sarnia	" 81, Aylmer.....Aylmer
" 53, Bruce.....Petrolia	

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comps. S. Y. Taylor, Paris.

No. 18, Oxford.....Woodstock	No. 41, Harris.....Ingersoll
" 20, Mount Horeb..Brantford	" 115, Brant.....Paris
" 23, Ezra.....Simcoe	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. W. Porteous, Galt.

No. 32, Waterloo.....Galt	No. 83, Ionic.....Orangeville
" 40, Guelph.....Guelph	" 117, Berlin.....Berlin
" 67, Enterprise.....Harriston	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, Hamilton.

No. 2, The Hiram.....Hamilton	No. 75, St. Clair.....Milton
" 6, St. John's.....Hamilton	" 104, White Oak.....Oakville

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. Russell Stuart, Stratford.

No. 24, Tecumseh.....Stratford	" 66, The Malloch.....Seaforth
" 30, Huron.....Goderich	" 84, Lebanon.....Wingham
" 46, St. James.....St. Marys	" 129, Saugeen.....Walkerton
" 50, Saugeen.....Mitchell	" U. D. Chantry.....South-
No. 63, Havelock.....Kincardine	ampton.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand Superiutendent—R. E. Comp. J. C. Rothery, Niagara Falls.

No. 19, Mt. Moriah....St. Cath's	No. 64, Willson .. .. .Welland
" 29, McCallum.....Dunnville	" 69, Grimsby.....Grimsby
" 55, Niagara.....Niagara	" 76, Mt. Nebo, Niagara Fs. S.
" 57, King Hiram..Pt.Colborne	

TORONTO, DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Francis Blackburne, Toronto.

No. 4, S. And. & S. John, Toronto	No. 65, St. Paul's.....Toronto
" 8, King Solomon's.. Toronto	" 77, Occident..... "
" 60, Doric... ..Newmarket	" 79, Orient..... "
" 62, York Eglinton	" 91, Antiquity "

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Super't.—R. E. Comp. G. M. Aylesworth, M.D., Collingwood.

No. 27, Manitou.....Collingwood	No. 86, Macpherson.....Meaford
" 34, Signet.....Barrie	" 103, St. John's.....North Bay
" 56, Georgian....Owen Sound	U.D. Amabel.....Wiarton
" 70, Grand River..Bracebridge	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. G. N. Baker, Lindsay.

No. 28, Pentalpha .....Oshawa	No. 45, Excelsior Colborne
" 35, Keystone.. ....Whitby	" 48, St. John's.....Cobourg
" 36, Corinthian ....Peterboro'	" 94, Midland .....Lindsay
" 37, Victoria .....Port Hope	" 110, Warkworth .. Warkworth

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Jas. H. Colden, Picton.

No. 7, Moira.....Belleville	No. 44, Mount Sinai....Napanee
" 26, St. Mark's .....Trenton	" 72, Keystone.....Stirling
" 31, Prince Edward....Picton	

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Kingston.

No. 1, Ancient Frontenac and Catarqui. ....Kingston	No. 68, Maitland ....N. Augusta
" 22, Grenville .....Prescott	" 100, St. Lawrence..Brockville
" 59, Sussex .....Brockville	" 112, St. John's....Morrisburg
	" 113, Covenant.....Cornwall

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. William Rea, Ottawa.

No. 16, Carleton .....Ottawa	No. 114, Bonnechere....Renfrew
" 58, Pembroke .....Mattawa	" 116, Maple....Carleton Place
" 61, Granite.....Almonte	

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. T. W. Chapple, Rat Portage.

No. 82, Shuniah	Port Arthur	No. 102, Algonquin	Sault Ste,
" 90, Golden	Rat Portage		Marie.
" 95, Tuscan	Sudbury		

MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 15.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. D. Baine, Boissevain.

No. 52, Pr. Rupert	Winnipeg	No. 111, Zeredatha	Morden
" 101, Corinthian	Boissevain		

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

Grand Super't—R. E. Comp. T. J. Armstrong, New Westminster.

No. 98, Vancouver	Vancouver	No. 127, Keystone	Nanaimo
" 124, Westminster	New Westminster.		

ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Hedley C. Taylor, Edmonton.

No. 106, Alberta	Calgary	No. 121, Wascana	Regina
" 118, North Star	Edmonton	" 126, Assiniboia	Medicine Hat

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Geo. A. Mitchell, Rossland.

No. 120, Kootenay	Kaslo	No. 125, Rocky Mountain	Fort Steele.
" 122, Rossland	Rossland		
" 123, Nelson	Nelson	" 128, Revelstoke	Revelstoke

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

At Grand Chapter of Canada.		Jurisdiction.	From Grand Chapter of Canada.		Name.	Address.
R. E.	Comp.	W. B. McArthur.	Ottawa	Alabama.	George A. Beauchamp.	Montgomery
"	"	C. A. Humber.	Goderich	Arizona.	George J. Roskrue.	Tucson
"	"	John McLaren.	Orangeville	Arkansas.	John C. Bone.	Batesville
"	"	Samuel Wesley.	Barrie	California.	Wm. A. Davies.	San Francisco
"	"	A. McGinnis.	Belleville	Colorado.	W. D. Todd.	Denver
"	"	A. Shaw.	Kingston	Connecticut.	J. McCormick.	Hartford
"	"	T. C. MacNabb.	Chatham	Delaware.	James H. Price.	Wilmington
"	"	Hugh Murray.	Hamilton	District of Columbia.	A. W. Johnston.	Washington
"	"	A. B. Munson.	London	Florida.	W. P. Webster.	Jacksonville
"	"	Wm. Forbes.	Grimsby	Georgia.	W. A. Wolhin.	Macon
"	"	George Waugh.	Stratford	Illinois.	Mt. Vernon Gil.	Chicago
"	"	D. H. Martyn.	Kincardine	Indiana.	Columbia City Calvin W. Prather.	Indianapolis
"	"	C. W. Postlethwaite	Toronto	Indian Territory.	Lehigh Joseph S. Murrow.	Atoka
"	"	J. M. Gibson.	Hamilton	Iowa.	J. M. Murray.	Des Moines
"	"	Wm. Walker.	Toronto	Kansas.	Ottumwa Alf. Wingate.	Dublin
"	"	John Creasor.	Owen Sound	Kentucky.	Dublin Henry E. Flavelle.	Topeka
"	"	B. Allen.	Toronto	Louisiana.	Salina W. M. Shaver.	Louisville
"	"	E. G. W. Conolly.	Dunnville	Maine.	Mt. Sterling Henry B. Grant.	New Orleans
"	"	John E. Harding.	Lindsay	Maryland.	New Orleans Richard Lambert.	Portland
M. E.	"	Wm. Downie.	Vancouver	Massachusetts.	Lisbon Stephen Berry.	Baltimore
"	"	J. A. Morton.	Wingham	Michigan.	Geo. L. McCahan.	Boston
"	"	Wm. Gibson.	Beamsville	Minnesota.	J. Gilman Waite.	Coldwater
"	"	J. Ross Robertson.	Toronto	Mississippi.	Jefferson S. Conover.	St. Paul
"	"	J. J. Mason.	Hamilton	Missouri.	Thos. Montgomery.	Jackson
"	"	James Sutherland.	Woodstock	Montana.	J. L. Power.	St. Louis
"	"	John S. Dewar.	London	Nebraska.	W. H. Mayo.	St. Louis
"	"			Nevada.	Cornelius Hedges.	Helena
"	"			New Brunswick.	Francis E. White.	Omaha
"	"			New Hampshire.	C. N. Noteware.	Carson City
"	"				St. John, N.B. W. B. Wallace.	St. John
"	"				Alpheus W. Baker.	Concord

R. E.	Comp.	J. McLean Stevenson	Barrie	New Jersey	R. E.	Comp.	Jas. H. Clark	Como	Geo. B. Edwards	Jersey City
M. E.	"	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	New York	"	"	E. P. Sprague	Salem	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo
R. E.	"	James Wilson	Toronto	North Carolina	E.	"	Charles C. Clarke	New Berne	Jas. C. Munds	Wilmington
"	"	Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg	North Dakota	M. E.	"	Geo. H. Keyes	Ellandale	F. J. Thompson	Fargo
"	"	J. Moodie	Hamilton	Nova Scotia	E.	"	Neil McKelvie	Summerside	D. H. Campbell	Halifax
V. E.	"	Hugh A. Mackay	Berlin	Ohio	R. E.	"	C. A. Woodward	Cleveland	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana
R. E.	"	I. Baker	Toronto	Oregon	E.	"	Donald McKay	Portland	James F. Robinson	Eugene
"	"	Donald McPhie	Hamilton	Pennsylvania	R. E.	"	Thos. R. Patton	Philadelphia	Charles Carey	Philadelphia
"	"	D. F. MacWatt	Hamilton	Quebec	M. E.	"	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Will H. Whyte	Montreal
M. E.	"	M. Walsh	Ingersoll	Rhode Island	R. E.	"	W. R. Greene	Providence	W. R. Greene	Providence
R. E.	"	J. K. Kerr	Toronto	Scotland	"	"	Earl of Kintore	London, Eng.	Robert S. Brown	Edinburgh
"	"	G. V. T. Greenhill	Windsor	South Carolina	E.	"	John R. Belling	Bamberg	J. T. Barron	Columbia
"	"	A. E. Cooper	London	South Dakota	"	"	Robt. T. Sedman	St. Lawrence	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau
"	"	H. H. Watson	Vancouver	Tennessee	"	"	Jos. H. Bullock	Paris	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville
"	"	E. T. Malone	Toronto	Texas	E.	"	George Lopaz	Texas	George Lopaz, Jr.	Houston
"	"	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	Vermont	E.	"	C. W. Whitcomb	Proctorville	Warren J. Reynolds	Burlington
M. E.	"	W. G. Reid	Hamilton	Victoria	R. E.	"	J. D'Amor Drew	Melbourne	John Braim	Melbourne
R. E.	"	Alex. Patterson	Toronto	Virginia	"	"	E. L. Guy	Norfolk	James B. Blanks	Petersburg
"	"	David Taylor	Ottawa	Washington	"	"	John A. Zorn	Wheeling	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla
"	"	Gavin Stewart	Woodstock	West Virginia	R. E.	"	A. J. Wallace	Durant	Robt. C. Dunnington	Farmont
"	"			Wisconsin	M. E.	"			William W. Perry	Milwaukee

CHAIRMEN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

<i>Jurisdiction.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Jurisdiction.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
Alabama.....	William Y. Titcomb	Anniston	Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges	Helena
Arizona.....	Charles D. Belden	Phoenix	Nebraska.....	Chas. J. Phelps	Schuyler
Arkansas.....	Reuben J. Laughlin	Bentonville	Nevada.....	Albert D. Bird	Reno
California.....	William A. Davies	San Francisco	New Brunswick	Albert S. Wait	Newport
Colorado.....	George J. Bennett	Toronto	New Hampshire	Chas. Belcher	Newark
Connecticut.....	Ernest L. N. Foster	Denver	New Jersey.....	George J. Gardner	Syracuse
Delaware.....	John H. Barlow	Birmingham	New South Wales.....	James Southgate	Durham
District of Columbia.....	Virginius V. Harrison	Wilmington	New York.....		
England.....			North Carolina.....		
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville	North Dakota.....		
Georgia.....	A. M. Lambdin	Barnesville	Nova Scotia.....		
Illinois.....	John M. Pearson	Godfrey	Ohio.....	S. Stacker Williams	Newark
Indiana.....			Oregon.....	John M. Hodson	Portland
Indian Territory.....	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka	Pennsylvania.....	Matthias M. Henderson	Philadelphia
Iowa.....			Quebec.....	E. T. D. Chambers	Quebec
Ireland.....			Rhode Island.....	Henry W. Rugg	Providence
Kansas.....	W. M. Shaver	Topeka	Scotland.....		
Kentucky.....	James W. Staton	Brooksville	South Carolina.....	J. T. Barron	Columbia
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Massachusetts.....	J. Gilman Waite	Boston	Vermont.....	Marsh O. Perkins	Windor
Michigan.....	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater	Victoria.....		
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Missouri.....	William H. Mayo	St. Louis	West Virginia.....	Robert C. Dunnington	Fairmont
			Wisconsin.....	William C. Swain	Milwaukee

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STATISTICS.

As compiled by M. E. Comp. J. H. Drummond, of Maine.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions & Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. f. r Non- pay't. dues.	Deaths.
Alabama,	856	112	22	18	1	1	27	18
Arizona,	320	29	7	9	0	1	4	3
Arkansas,	1,975	163	44	36	0	0	91	47
California,	6,232	492	174	89	0	1	61	118
Canada,	6,215	554	83	107	0	.....	*136	46
Colorado,	2,626	139	59	35	3	.....	*71	38
Connecticut,	6,049	303	11	31	0	7	57	113
Delaware,	738	40	5	2	0	0	1	8
District of Columbia,	2,451	156	68	24	0	3	33	81
Florida,	781	63	29	29	1	.....	*9	18
Georgia,	3,450	370	58	137	0	.....	*138	78
Illinois,	17,534	1,017	323	557	2	.....	*422	260
Indiana,	7,218	492	218	113	7	4	86	112
Indian Territory,	1,133	132	33	38	1	.....	*13	14
Iowa,	7,911	538	156	149	2	.....	*136	103
Kansas, †	5,203	312	96	129	1	1	113	58
Kentucky,	3,412	322	72	101	1	.....	*108	58
Louisiana,	1,244	111	22	23	0	.....	*21	24
Maine,	6,715	412	35	51	0	0	56	127
Maryland,	1,961	107	18	32	1	.....	*28	27
Massachusetts,	16,279	902	120	167	0	0	265	254
Michigan,	13,993	676	143	150	1	.....	*165	205
Minnesota,	5,255	362	105	87	0	0	79	41
Mississippi,	1,809	282	59	29	1	1	34	43
Missouri,	7,518	584	263	269	3	3	91	122
Montana,	866	55	22	16	0	0	13	13
Nebraska,	2,951	157	99	62	1	.....	*92	45
Nevada,	292	10	27	5	0	0	7	4
New Brunswick,	458	36	5	12	0	.....	*16	9
New Hampshire,	3,669	142	3	21	0	0	37	64
New Jersey,	3,559	201	44	41	0	1	67	62
New Mexico,	433	39	6	20	0	.....	*3	4
New York,	22,187	1,664	348	282	1	2	485	354
North Carolina,	797	80	11	16	0	2	24	16
North Dakota,	1,004	112	14	27	0	.....	*15	5
Nova Scotia,	695	39	7	14	0	.....	*22	5
Ohio,	16,228	1,206	285	134	1	3	442	221
Oregon,	1,401	136	31	32	1	1	25	27
Pennsylvania,	18,419	1,115	173	205	.....	.....	+338	375
Quebec,	590	78	10	6	0	.....	*5	10
Rhode Island,	2,647	149	4	4	0	0	14	42
South Carolina, †	649	64	11	11	0	.....	*33	13
South Dakota,	1,565	106	33	27	0	.....	*48	9
Tennessee,	2,721	213	52	102	1	1	105	38
Texas,	7,020	594	230	202	3	.....	*120	97
Vermont,	2,967	164	14	10	0	.....	*16	68
Virginia,	2,935	257	88	74	0	0	36	37
Washington,	1,235	72	35	19	0	.....	*18	17
West Virginia,	2,024	218	67	34	1	.....	*22	20
Wisconsin,	6,328	344	141	114	0	.....	*90	194
Gen. Gr. Chapter,	1,176	75	19	29	0	.....	*6	11
	233,694	15,996	4,002	3,940	34	32	4,344	3,776

* Including suspensions for U. M. C.
Same as last year.

ERRATA.

Omitted in "make up"

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The M. E. the Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, during the sessions of Grand Chapter. as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Forty-Third Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto, on the 23rd day of January, A.D. 1901, A.I. 2431, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. A. Martyn, and

Resolved,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 23rd day of January, 1901, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

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It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by Ex. Comp. D. H. Martyn, and

Resolved,—That the Statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1901, be received and referred to the Executive Committee, for audit and to report thereon at the present Convocation.



APPENDIX.



REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

“ Time, like a pitiless master,
Cries ‘ Onward ! ’ and spurs the gay hours.
Ah, never doth Time travel faster
Than when his way lies among flowers ! ”

And truly it can be said that the progress of the Royal Arch is flowery. An occasional thorn may remind us that our way is not altogether clear of trouble, but if the sunshine holds, our journey is made pleasantly speedy. Companions whom we have known and learned to revere fall by the wayside now and again, their pilgrimage ended, their life's work accomplished, but the aroma of the flowers is still with us and the sun continues to shine.

A year ago we mourned the death of a great and good monarch. To-day a sister nation sorrows for a ruler whose nobility of mind and rectitude of life had created in a world of nations abiding sentiments of admiration and respect. Upon the final resting place of him, whose claim to “ the grand old name of gentleman ” is conceded by a universe, we reverently lay this spray of sympathy :

“ Two nations stand in thought beside the bed
And silent, hand in hand, together weep,
While he, whom we refer to as the dead,
Lies still, and like an infant seems to sleep.

Or rather, let us say his body lies,
For he, his work-day o'er, has gone to rest
In that dim region we call Paradise,
With all the souls of the departed blest.

Talk not of vengeance, while beside his bier.
The time may come, perchance, for that anon,
Stay but a moment softly praying here
For his eternal rest whose soul has gone.

And pray for those who still on earth remain
That they and we may tread the path he trod ;
So that when our earth-life's thread snaps in twain
We may, like him, be lifted nearer God."

Our work is herewith submitted for inspection, and if not as varied as formerly, the peaceful condition of the Royal Craft must bear the responsibility.

Committees on the doings of Grand Officers occasionally report something after this fashion:—"We are glad to notice that the knowledge of Masonic law and usage is sufficiently familiar to those in authority among the Royal Craft to call for few new interpretations as to their proper application." If the material is not furnished the work must necessarily be restricted and the workman who desires to present something worthy of his skill is naturally disappointed. One spark of comfort remains, as in this instance, the knowledge that he has done his best.

Alabama.

Chapters . . 30

Members . . 856

Within a brief fortnight after the close of the Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation, held at Montgomery, December 3rd and 4th, 1900, and which he attended as usual, death claimed the devoted Grand Secretary, Henry Clay Armstrong, P.G.H.P., and the official announcement by the Grand High Priest came as a painful shock to the whole jurisdiction. His life, which closed at the age of sixty-one years, was an active one. With the outbreak of the civil war his services were given with his sympathies. "He was promoted for conspicuous gallantry in the battles around Atlanta, Ga., and became a Major in General Ross' cavalry brigade. Brave and true as a soldier, he was ever reticent about his services in the army and never referred to the war or its incidents unless interrogated about it. He became as true and loyal a citizen of the United States as he had been of the Confederacy. He located after the war in Macon county, Alabama, and was successively elected County Superintendent of Education, State

Superintendent of Education, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. He was appointed by President Cleveland Consul General at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, and for four years filled that office, receiving the highest praise for the manner in which he discharged his duties as the representative of our Government. In all these positions he served his people with the greatest fidelity.

His career as a Mason was no less distinguished.

“He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. It was as the Chairman of the Committee on Work in this Chapter and in his active work in conferring the Capitular Degrees that he endeared himself to his Companions and secured their individual affection and esteem. His magnificent presence and impressive delivery gave a charm to his rendition of our ritual seldom equalled and never excelled.

“We have lost the brightest masonic jewel of our Grand Jurisdiction! May we all imitate his masonic virtues and zeal.”

That Alabama has been forging ahead since the previous report, which told of the loss of eight Chapters, is indicated by the issue of dispensations for new Chapters in five different localities. One other Chapter however was forfeited. The Grand High Priest is very hopeful :

“I believe that capitular masonry is now in a healthier condition in Alabama than it has been in several years past, and it is my earnest wish that this growth in members and knowledge may continue until every town and community in our jurisdiction can boast of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, thoroughly equipped and well organized, selecting nothing but the best and truest material, from which to do ‘good work, and true work.’”

A number of dispensations to confer the Chapter degrees “at once” were issued by him, believing from representations made that they would be in the interests of progress.

He reported two official visitations and closed as follows :

“If I have not commanded the forces with the degree of courage and success that you had expected, you will at least allow me to take my place in the ranks and keep the fires burning on the altar, to cheer the faithful followers in their work of love.”

Alabama’s system of communicating the “work” is embraced in a resolution adopted at this Convocation :

"That it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Work upon application made to him by any Chapter in the jurisdiction to furnish to said Chapter the work of any or all of the degrees conferred in the Chapter, but such work must not be furnished except upon the following condition, viz :

"Such work shall be written in cipher, the key to which shall be disclosed only to the High Priest of the Chapter securing such manuscript work.

"When such work is furnished to a Chapter the High Priest shall sign a written pledge that he will not permit said manuscript work to be used by reading from it in conferring the work ; that he will permit no copy of it to be made, except such parts as are necessary to be used by the officers of his Chapter in learning the work ; that he will deliver the work to his successor in office on his election, requiring from him before doing so, a written pledge such as he himself has given, and that in the event the Charter of his Chapter is forfeited he will immediately send the manuscript to the Custodian of the Work.

"That the Custodian of the Work shall receive such compensation for preparing and sending out the manuscript work provided for in this resolution as shall be agreed upon between him and the Chapter procuring the work."

The following free and easy communication from the High Priest of a Chapter located at Fort Gaines, Ga., and addressed to an enquiring Companion at Columbia, Ala., was read and referred to the incoming Grand High Priest to deal with :

"Dear Sir and Companion.—Replying to yours of February 28th. Your information is correct—we have conferred the Chapter degrees on several 'Alabamians.' I know of no authority for this other than that Masonry recognizes no North, South, East or West, and of course no State lines."

The Finance Committee announced a cash balance of \$1,000.08.

A resolution calling for the repeal of an enactment permitting the use of substitutes, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to report on at next annual Convocation.

Comp. William Y. Titcomb is again to the front with a most entertaining Correspondence report and had Canada for 1900 under his critical eye. His style is kindly throughout, and we congratulate Alabama in having secured the services of one so eminently fitted for the duty.

George F. Moore, Montgomery, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona.

Chapters . . 6

Members . . 320

The completion of ten years of existence was signalized by a graceful acknowledgment of the services of the indefatigable Grand Secretary, which for that long period had been a labour of love. Under his watchful eye, Arizona has enjoyed a steady prosperity, and at this Convocation a cash balance of \$1201.80 was reported. That he should be compensated for his skilful work was only a common act of justice. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

The Eleventh Annual Convocation, presided over by Grand High Priest Brecht, was held at the City of Phoenix, on the 14th November, 1900, and was well attended; Canada's representative, however, did not sign the register.

Prosperity and harmony are reported in the address. He refers to a calamitous fire at Prescott City, which affected a number of the Companions of that place, but adds, "there was no white feather shown, but true western grit prevailed, and the Mountain City is now being rebuilt in a way that will reflect credit upon her citizens."

The fire must have affected himself, for to it he attributes his inability to attend the General Grand Chapter, and he made no official visits. The other Grand officers undertook that duty, however, and their reports are cheerful.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were decorated with distinctive jewels, at a total cost of \$225.

The various Committees had little or nothing before them for consideration, and at the end of three hours the officers elected were installed, and Grand Chapter closed in Ample Form.

There was no Correspondence report.

George Shand, Tucson, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas.

Chapters . . 65

Members . . 1975

Grand High Priest J. S. Westerfield wielded the gavel at the Fifty-first Annual Convocation held at Little Rock, November 22nd, 1900.

"Peace and goodwill" were, according to him, the prevailing characteristics of the year, and stability and growth were exhibited in the condition of the Royal Craft.

"The past history of our Grand Chapter will show with what wisdom and painstaking devotion those eminent and faithful Companions who organized and perpetuated it in infancy went about laying a solid foundation, one that would withstand the tempests of time, rather than hastily erect an edifice which with the first passing gale might tumble to the ground.

"The rapid addition of new Chapters has not been encouraged, and the retirement of such as have passed a period of usefulness has at every step been provided for, thus endeavoring to propagate a healthy offspring which is the real strength of every organization."

He recorded the deaths of two zealous Companions, Past Grand High Priests Sam. W. Williams and W. H. Gee.

Two of his decisions were as follows :

"A Chapter failing to elect and instal officers at the time fixed by By-laws can do so at the first stated meeting held thereafter without a dispensation. I find no law in conflict with section 2 of article 2 of our By-laws.

"On appeal from the decisions of the High Priest of one of our Chapters, I ruled as follows :

"A motion to place in the hands of the Captain of the Host the sum of \$20 to be used at his discretion for charitable purposes, but the real object being to return to a recently exalted Companion so much of his \$25 fee for the degrees, would not be in order and the High Priest did not err in so deciding.

"It is a plain proposition of law in this Jurisdiction that the degrees shall cost the recipient not less than \$25, and no evasion should be practised."

These were confirmed by the Jurisprudence Committee.

He granted a dispensation for a new Chapter at Mammoth Spring, and several permissions to petition and ballot within the time limit, in face of a standing

resolution condemning and forbidding the practice. To this he pleads justification.

"In the beginning of my administration I saw no course open to me but to obey the mandates of the Grand Chapter, but soon the pressure became too great. I decided that I could not withhold such dispensations, to which the Chapters from long usage have become accustomed, without in many cases working hardships and causing serious disappointments, and went back to the old regime."

Of the 65 Chapters on the roll, 54 are reported by the Committee thereon, "in good standing."

An application from nine Companions at DeQueen for a dispensation to organize a Chapter, was acceded to.

Companion R. J. Laughlin, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made no report, but promised a table of statistics. The Grand High Priest continued Companion Laughlin on the said committee, and the members of the Guild generally would like to hear from him again, when funds permit.

Grand Chapter closed with a cash balance of \$806.83.

Thos. H. Jones, Little Rock, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

California.

Chapters .. 71

Members .. 6232

A net increase of nearly four hundred was California's proud showing when Grand Chapter met in Forty-seventh Annual Convocation, on the 16th April, 1901, in San Francisco.

M. E. Comp. Edward Riches Hedges, Grand High Priest, presided over the deliberations, which were interesting. He had a record year.

"The Royal Craft has made unusual progress during the year past, and our beloved Order, I am pleased to say to you, is in a healthy prosperous condition; increased activity, renewed interest, and, with one exception, the largest accession in membership of any year since the organization of the Grand Chapter."

Two eminent Masons, Thomas T. Reynolds and Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Past Grand High Priests, had passed away. The former succeeded the latter as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. To both, loving tribute was paid.

New Chapters at West Oakland and San Andreas were instituted under his dispensation.

A Chapter conferred life membership on two of its members. Some of the Companions objected and asked a decision. In the absence of any law governing such a contingency, he left the matter with Grand Chapter, which concurred in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, nullifying the action of the Chapter.

The Committee also reported on the complaint of a Chapter that the same has sole control of the disposition of its own funds, that the Chapter is only the trustee of its own funds, and that it has no power to expend any portion thereof for any purpose except such as is warranted by Masonic law and custom.

A Chapter ruler had decided that all members not six months in arrears for dues were entitled to vote. A member recorded an objection on the ground that the by-law read :

“The monthly dues of each member shall be fifty cents. No member who, at the annual meeting, shall be in arrears for dues shall be allowed to vote, or be eligible for any office.”

He ruled against the objector, quoting a former decision.

“I question the justice of depriving any Companion, for financial reasons, of any of the rights and privileges of Masonry, until he is sufficiently in arrears to render him liable to be suspended for non payment of dues.”

Of the methods employed in conferring the R. A. degree, he has this to say :

“There is no place in it for levity or play, nor anything which will tend to lower the self-respect and natural dignity of a candidate. * * * Upon his introduction into the presence of the Grand Council he should be in just that frame of mind which would enable him to receive with profit those lessons, instructions and explanations which

are the vital and most essential part of the degree, and which are intended and should produce a lasting impression for good upon the mind of the candidate. It is a symbolic journey and no place for jokes or merriment. The P. S. recital is sufficiently realistic without other accessories. If there is any part where the candidate should be in a proper and receptive mood to be benefited, it is in the latter part of the ceremonies of Royal Arch Degree; not come to it tired and weary, and in consequence listless and indifferent. In the ceremonies of initiation nothing should be permitted that will lead the mind of the candidate away from the important truths and ennobling sentiments which are the predominant features of the Ritual."

A resolution to confine the Grand Chapter printing to Masons was snuffed out by the Committee as not being "business."

After the close of the last annual Convocation, the Grand Council divided the jurisdiction into fifteen districts, and the Grand Lecturer appointed a Deputy for each. That Grand officer now reports that the new system is working admirably and that it is effecting the uniformity in working which had been the great desideratum.

The Grand Secretary, in compiling the report of Proceedings, halts at the report of the Committee on the pay of Delegates, to announce the sudden calling away of the Chairman of that Committee and the Companion who wrote the report.

"Comp. Theodore Edward Smith was a Christian gentleman, a Mason without reproach. He was Secretary of his Lodge and Chapter, and Recorder of the Convention of Anointed High Priests of California. He met with us at the assembling of this Convocation on the 15th of April, met with us in the Convention of High Priests on the evening of the 16th, and passed to immortality on the 22nd."

Companion William A. Davies, for the Committee on Correspondence, submits a conscientious review of the many Grand Chapter Proceedings, to hand. Very little, if anything, is overlooked. He gives to Canada nearly two pages. He speaks kindly of our effort at review, and adds:

"He won't take our hint and give us full names instead of initials, and intimates that it is a matter of taste and a question in which the owner only is interested. We think not, and we shall continue to believe when we read that Comp. L. Sorehead was elected

Grand Z., that, recorded in full, it would read, Comp. Lazarus Sorehead, and wouldn't it be an improvement, Comp. Bennett?"

It would, and when you come across him, Companion Davies, make him spell it out, especially as that cognomen is possibly numerous in the golden west. Haven't heard of him yet in this bailiwick.

Samuel H. Wagener, San Jose, Grand High Priest.
William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado.

Chapters .. 34

Members .. 2626

Portraits and biographies of Grand High Priest Geo. W. Roe, Past Grand High Priests Ernest LeNeve Foster, Marshall H. Dean, Alphonse Burnand and Geo. T. Cooper, and Grand Secretary Ed. C. Parmelee make an interesting introduction to the Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation, held at Denver, September 30th, 1900.

Grand Sentinel Linton, who had served in that capacity since the formation of Grand Chapter, was recorded among the illustrious dead.

The G. H. P. decided against the admission to the Chapter degrees of a brother engaged in the saloon business, and also against the application of a Chapter for a public installation of officers. His remarks are worthy of record :

"While not wishing to appear narrow or arbitrary, and having only the good of the Craft at heart, I refused to grant his request for a Dispensation for a public installation. The public have no right or part in any of our ceremonies. Our institution is distinctively a secret society, and the members of a Blue Lodge as such have no more right or part in the ceremonies of the Chapter, than has the profane to witness any of the ceremonies of the Blue Lodge. I do not believe that public installations are right or that they should be allowed by the Masonic institution, and I sincerely trust that my successors in office will refuse to grant Dispensations for the same, or better still, that this Grand Chapter pass a resolution refusing to permit them."

The Jurisprudence Committee agreed with this decision, but hesitated at the closing recommendation.

"In regard to the recommendation of the G. H. Priest of the

adoption of a resolution by the Grand Chapter prohibiting the M. E. G. H. Priest from issuing Dispensations for public installation, your committee report that in their opinion that it would be unwise for this Grand Chapter to take action by legislation, or otherwise restricting in any way the prerogatives of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest."

He started ten Companions working at Steamboat Springs and recommended a charter, which was granted. Steamboat Chapter ought to go ahead.

He made a number of visitations and travelled over 3,000 miles in the discharge of duty.

Reviewing the Grand Chapter's quarter century of existence, he says :

"Through all these years the Royal Craft has steadily grown and prospered, until at this our twenty sixth Annual Convocation we have thirty-two Chapters, with a total membership of 2,696 R. A. M., and of the twenty-four Grand High Priests who have been called upon to preside over this Grand Chapter, twenty-one are still alive, as is also our Excellent and beloved Companion Ed. C. Parmelee, our Grand Secretary, who enjoys the distinction of having been elected and installed Grand Secretary at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter from its organization up to the present time. May God bless and keep him."

That God had blessed him was shown in the love and devotion of his Companions; that God will keep him is as sure as that a well spent life is well rewarded. Little did the Grand High Priest, or any other Companion present, anticipate that before another Convocation the Grand Secretary's office would be vacant. A brief illness, and on the 10th of May the summons came.

"God takes the good, too good on earth to stay,
And leaves the bad, too bad to take away."

Companion Foster serves up a rich and dainty feast in his Correspondence report. It is replete with good things, with which we would fain tempt the appetites of our Companions here, but that the powers that be have put a limit on luxury. Referring to Arkansas' legislation against persons engaged in the sale of liquor, which traffic we presume is countenanced by the law of the land, he pertinently criticizes that peculiar variety

of zeal which occasionally runs away with prudence and discretion.

“Whilst opposed to the liquor traffic, especially the saloon, and having a very similar law to the above in the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction, still we have often doubted the advisability of such legislation. We are not a prohibition society, and though we inculcate temperance, it is not alone temperance in regard to drink, but temperance in all things. The Companion who enters saloons to drink and treat is equally as culpable as the Companion who sells the beverage, and needs discipline just as much. In our opinion, the proper way to keep those who traffic in liquor out of our Lodges and Chapters is not by legislation, but by the black-ball. In fact, we can see no reason why the liquor traffic should be particularly selected for special legislation; there are numerous other vices to which mankind is subject that are equally unmasonic. Why not legislate against them also?”

Again, under Kentucky, on the oft referred to subject of rushing candidates through the degrees:

“Only when it is understood that the conferring of degrees is the means of implanting Masonic truths in the hearts of its devotees, and not a time for fun-making, will the day dawn, that more interest will center in Royal Arch Masonry. We are being led away after false gods, and not following sufficiently close in the footsteps of our forefathers. The idols of the various benefit and social societies which have grown like weeds during the past quarter of a century, are attracting us, and a good time, or hail fellow well met, is becoming the height of our ambition, rather than the more serious and benevolent objects for which our grand fraternity was instituted. Return then Masonry to its pristine beauty, seek not after numbers or a glorious time, but after quality and the welfare of our fellowman, and there will be no more apologies needed from Grand High Priests for doing that which their consciences tell them is not advisable.”

To Canada, for 1900, he devotes two of his valuable pages. Quoting the Grand Z.’s remarks on the Dominion’s contributions to the army in South Africa, he says:

“Other loyal and patriotic sentiments are expressed, showing the strong tie that binds them to the Mother Country. Long may it exist.”

Geo. W. Roe, Pueblo, Grand High Priest.

Wm. D. Todd, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut.

Chapters . . 36.

Members . . 6,049.

What we presume is a good likeness of Companion John L. Hill, M. E. Grand High Priest, makes a presentable frontispiece to the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation, held at New Haven on the 14th May, 1901. Looking into those expressive eyes which beam through dignified glasses we are prone to a feeling of genuine sorrow that they should at any time be dulled by pain and venture the hope that the "afflictions sore" which overtook him during his official term have long ere this disappeared.

His address if not lengthy was practical. He paid tribute to a deceased predecessor, M. E. Comp. Chas H. Chesebro, of Putnam, who was Grand High Priest in 1892.

Two applications to receive and ballot on applications at the same Convocation he refused. In cases of "good cause" he acceded.

He attended the triennial of the General Grand Chapter, and was not favorably impressed with the business methods of those exalted Companions. "It took nearly three days to transact the business which could have been done in a day and a half."

"After my return from the triennial my health failed so fast that I was confined to the house until the middle of April, being obliged to use crutches, thus making it impossible for me to make any visitations. Perhaps it was out of consideration of my infirmity that I received only two invitations out of the ten Chapters that I assigned myself. I am very sorry that the Chapters do not look upon this matter of receiving visitations more in the light of a duty."

A curious condition of affairs is revealed by a recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Rhode Island with reference to a Connecticut Chapter which for many years has been located within the limits of the former jurisdiction. It appears that thirty-two years ago the hall in which Palmer Chapter had held its meeting, and which was located a short distance

from the boundary line in Stonington, Conn., had been destroyed by fire. The building had been completed but a few months and the loss was undoubtedly a severe blow to the Chapter. The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island issued a dispensation permitting the Connecticut Chapter to meet for business purposes in the village of Westerly, within the jurisdiction of that Grand Chapter, and further that the members of the lodge meeting in the same place could unite with the Chapter if they so desired. The Rhode Island ruler argues that this act of hospitality was never intended to be permanent, adding,

“It seems unlikely that this Grand Chapter would consent that the Subordinate of another should permanently exercise such privileges in its jurisdiction, which is not so large that we can afford to share it with a sister Grand Chapter.

“The guest welcomed within our doors under such stress of circumstances, has prolonged its stay for a third of a century, and I submit the question whether the time has not arrived when we may, without injuring our reputation for neighborly hospitality, suggest her departure.”

The Grand High Priest of Connecticut having been apprised that the sister jurisdiction was taking action, communicated with Palmer Chapter notifying them of what they might expect, asking how it would affect them. They wrote that if they were driven over into Connecticut it would mean the surrender of their charter, and now committees of the two Grand Chapters are to meet and consider how this singular and long existing anomaly is to be adjusted satisfactorily.

Another peculiarity which contains a strong element of injustice is that referred to by the G. H. P.

“There is a matter that I wish to bring before this Grand Body, relative to perpetual jurisdiction over a Brother who has become a resident of another jurisdiction for a year or more. Chapters claiming perpetual jurisdiction over a Brother by reason of his having been elected to take his degree in their Chapter, but who has moved into another State before taking his degrees. All By-Laws that I have seen require the Brother to present himself inside of six months or to forfeit his right of initiation except in case of sickness. In forfeiting his claim he also forfeits the application fee and cannot be admitted to said Chapter without going through the regular form of application. Now under those circumstances I claim that the Chapter has no jurisdiction whatever over said Brother.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred, sustained the regulation.

“By the regulation of our Grand Chapter an applicant having been elected by a Chapter cannot receive his degree in any other Chapter without its permission.”

Such may be the law of Connecticut, but is it consistent with common sense? The applicant after his acceptance may have discovered some very good reason why membership in that particular Chapter would be uncomfortable for him, and his desire to seek the degrees elsewhere, after the expiration of a reasonable time limit, should not be interfered with. The holding of a whip over a good brother's head for all time is giving a power to a Chapter which it has no right to possess. It is on a par with the “solitary objection,” and other equally repellant doctrines which bring the boasted privileges of *Free Masonry* into serious question.

M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, one of the veterans of the guild, presents his twenty-fourth report on Correspondence, and like the many which have preceded it is able and instructive.

Of the defining the period between the Master Mason and the Capitular degrees he is not a stickler and says to Companion Foster :

“We do not believe the object sought for can be gained by any definite period of probation, as there are some applicants who ought to have three times six to reach suitable proficiency.”

Reviewing Companion Harrison of Delaware he says :

“He does not favor the Past Master degree as a part of the Capitular system ; we have sometimes wondered why it was placed there, but we think it tends to confusion for one or two jurisdictions to attempt to remove it.”

Under Canada for 1900, he quotes us on the subject of dependent membership and says :

“We are unable to see the force of Companion Bennett's reasoning ; that an applicant for the Chapter degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason, but as soon as he gets into the Chapters, that he can throw his lodge membership aside, is just what we contend against.”

And we respectfully reiterate the statement that it is inconsistent for one government to legislate for the subjects of another, separate and distinct. The advisability and sentiment of the contentions are on a totally different pedestal. They may be looked up to and admired, but they are not to be bowed down to and worshipped. Companion Barlow's sentiment in this connection is discovered under Wisconsin.

"We admit that the systematic dues are modern, as the necessity for them did not exist among our ancient brethren, but to-day to sustain Lodges and Chapters dues are necessary, and should not be considered as an innovation. As to the Lodge being the strongest body, it is also the source from whence the practical benevolent work of Masonry is expected. In this work, every Mason should share. We are, therefore, a firm believer in dependent membership, and trust it will not go out of existence."

And there lies the argument in all its repulsive nakedness, dues — dollars — filthy lucre. If then all lodges and Chapters existed on the interest of substantial initiation fees and the sordid fact of periodical dues was unknown, would the necessity for dependent membership have ever been heard of? It was a stranger to our ancient brethren who were ignorant of dues, ergo its advent must have synchronized with the birth of the "per capita." The cold cash requirement is a solid argument for many modern landmarks.

Companion Barlow, we would like to stay with you a little longer but regretfully have to pull down the blind.

James Callan, Waterbury, Grand High Priest.

James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware.

Chapters . . 4

Members . . 738

Wilmington as usual was honored with the Annual Convocation, the Thirty-third, and on the 16th January, 1901, Grand High Priest Harry Galbraith called the Companions to order.

Farewell, O wondrous round of wondrous years ;
Time full of joys, of hopes, despair and tears ;
One century dies and a new one is born ;
We stand in the sunset and welcome the morn ;
The old one we rev'rently lay in the sod ;
The new one begins with the blessing of God ;
Each levies its tribute ; one calls for our tears,
The other for hopes, aspirations and fears.

God bless our efforts, and bless our Grand Chapter ;
God bless one and all who shall enter our door ;
 And as onward we're pressing,
 New glories possessing,
Grand work may we do for mankind evermore.

Thus he opened his brief address, which, on the whole, was pleasant and optimistic. He noted a net increase for the year of 34, and rejoiced that during that period death's cold hand had not been laid upon any member of Grand Chapter.

He took up the old theme of "rushing" candidates to accommodate their aspirations for something, thereby making them indifferent Royal Arch Masons.

Having little else handy in the way of material he favoured the Companions with a resume of the General Grand's proceedings, not omitting the banquet and other trimmings. This was about the only visit he seems to have paid, at least there is no other in sight.

The Finance Committee reported \$530 in hands while the invested funds amounted to \$3.78.

Committees on Jurisprudence, Warrants, Work, By-Laws, and Jewels all reported "nothing to do."

A graceful recognition of faithful services was the presentation of a portrait of the Grand Sentinel, Companion G. K. Yates.

Another pleasant incident was the presentation by Past Grand High Priest Jacob F. Mynich of the Proceedings of a former Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Delaware, January, 1818, to January, 1869. They were encased in a handsome rosewood box, duly inscribed.

He also presented the Grand Chapter with a gavel made from a piece of sash that was broken off the U. S. S. *Oregon* by concussion in the battle when the

Spanish fleet was destroyed at Cuba. The centre-piece is from the U. S. S. *Oregon*, the outer pieces are from the sash of a door of a fort captured by the troops on that occasion.

For a very pleasant review of the Capitular field we are indebted to that excellent correspondent Companion Virginius V. Harrison.

To Arizona's recommendation that the custodians of the funds in each Chapter should be "bonded," he remarks :

"This, we think, is carrying the security matter a little too far. It was up to this date an unheard-of thing to have the Secretary and Treasurer of a subordinate body to bond for the faithful performance of his duty, and further, it always did touch us in a 'tender spot' to have the fact forced upon us that it was necessary for a Mason to furnish security for the fulfillment of his vows."

Another reviewer has dwelt upon the fact that our ancient brethren did not pay dues, and in their day and the old time before them, there was no occasion for such modernisms as dependent membership and other things. Among the latter we may safely include guarantee companies. To "dues" then we must attribute this desire for security in a more practical form. If it is necessary to introduce the "business" of paying moneys to certain officers and take receipts therefor, is it not equally "business" for the Chapter to accept from those officers an acknowledgment in the shape of a bond? The secretary in giving a Companion a receipt for his periodical dues is furnishing to him a bond that his money is secure. The Chapter not to ask a similar confidence on behalf of its own funds, may be indulging a sentimental confidence but it is also exhibiting a woful lack of what this work-a-day world calls "business."

A quotation from him under Michigan and we are done. Companion Harrison, commenting on some remarks of the Grand High Priest, says :

"But alas ! for man's hopes and desires. The almighty dollar stands out bold and defiant, and allures one on to forget all else and strive for its possession ; and after all, what does it amount to. It comes like a meteor, and like a flash it is gone, and possibly with it,

through some sordid, grasping, miserly manifestation, the good will and friendship of one or more of one's nearest and dearest friends. This is a subject that appeals to us in the strongest terms."

Companion Harrison does not pass Canada by lightly. He gives our Proceedings more than passing review, and reminds us that he is still battling for the "scientific leg."

Joseph Row, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

District of Columbia.

Chapters .. 11.

Members .. 2,542.

A substantial gain was recorded at the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, on the 12th December, 1900, at Washington, the roll having been increased by over 130.

M. E. Comp. J. F. Pierson, Grand High Priest of Louisiana, was a welcome visitor.

Grand High Priest William Barnum delivered a peculiar and remarkably instructive address. Of his Chapters he said :

"The financial condition of the various Chapters is excellent, and several of them have considerable assets in stocks and bonds besides ample resources for their current necessities. The finances of the Chapters are usually well managed and with due regard to economy, but proper expenditures are freely made and the calls of charity meet with prompt and cheerful response. The individual dues in this jurisdiction are not large, and are generally paid promptly, there having been a gradual improvement in this respect in recent years."

Three of the Chapters are over 400 strong, two over 200, four over 100, and two about 50.

He touchingly referred to two Past Grand High Priests who had fallen, Isaac L. Johnson and Jeremiah C. Allen. Both good and grand Masons.

He granted four "rush" dispensations, but in each case was satisfied the appeals were well founded.

Reference to visits made by him to Commanderies, Lodges, Veterans' Associations and Shrines is rather prominent and seemed to us out of place.

He deprecated the clashing of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter visitations and urged a mutual arrangement.

One would hardly expect the following remarks from what should be a wealthy jurisdiction :

“ On different occasions attempts have been made to increase the revenues of the Grand Chapter by restoring the fee for exaltation of each Royal Arch Mason, but the effort has each time failed. Nevertheless I believe that such a course should be pursued, as the Grand Chapter's finances are placed on too narrow a basis, the Grand Treasurer being forced almost every year to borrow money to meet the expenses at certain periods. I can not see why the Grand Chapter should not have a fair share of the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia. Most of the constituent Chapters are amply able to pay the tax referred to, and if any should ever be in straitened circumstances such dues could be properly remitted. However, the proposition to levy such tax having recently failed, I do not personally urge another attempt at this time.”

Against rapid advancement he is emphatic.

“ Masonic students and writers are almost unanimous in the opinion that our Order is growing quite rapidly enough for its best interests, and that *festina lente* should be the motto in nearly all our proceedings.”

He closes with the following extraordinary pronouncement :

“ We are in the dying hours of the nineteenth century—a century marked by great material, political, and intellectual progress. The railroad, the steamboat, the telegraph, the telephone, and all the marvels of electricity have come among us until we have ceased to wonder at miracles. Empires have swallowed up kingdoms, republics have replaced empires. Great prudence on the part of monarchs—enormous concessions made by them—enables many of them to retain their thrones; but the theories on which their governments were founded have been swept away and the hereditary rulers themselves must soon disappear in the advance of time. Masonry has been a factor in many political changes, notably in France and Italy, and has always acted for freedom and the rights of man.

“ The dawn of the twentieth century portends still greater changes. Ideas which a decade ago were vaguely derided as Utopian or perhaps denounced as socialistic are now advocated by many educated men of wealth and by great religious leaders. University professors are embracing those ideas; some of them suffer dismissal at the hands of narrow-minded trustees, but the ‘ blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.’ The most powerful force in Christendom—a force inimical to Masonry and long supposed to be buried in conservatism—has within the last few years shown its sympathy with human progress in many ways, especially by its complete recognition of the

Republic of France and by its intelligent and cordial support of oppressed labor. These advanced ideas are only a wider recognition of principles for which Masonry has long contended. They do not antagonize Church or State, but seek to establish more firmly the principles of human liberty, to recognize our obligations to 'each aid the other,' and to inculcate the practice of charity, in its broadest sense, towards all mankind. Masonry, in the coming decades, will have power to exercise a wonderful influence for the betterment of the human race by a religious observance of the principles it has long professed and by a zealous support of order and justice."

We do not pretend to a comprehensive knowledge on such matters, but our reading of the history of continental Europe forces us to diametrically opposite views. Certainly we would never hold up France and Italy for the emulation of the English-speaking Craft. To bracket the "principles" eulogised above, with those of the ancient fraternity is, in our humble opinion, open to serious question, always supposing that we have interpreted the vague allusions aright.

The Committee, however, treated it otherwise for they found the address "very comprehensive and instructive, and recommend its careful perusal by every member of this jurisdiction."

Victoria and New Zealand were accorded recognition.

With sincere regret it is observed that the veteran Companion W. R. Singleton was incapacitated by illness from again taking up the familiar pen. Companion A. W. Johnston, Grand Secretary, essayed the task under trying circumstances and accomplished his work with skill and ability. In his introduction he feelingly refers to the beloved afflicted Companion.

"Companion Singleton, though sensible of his failing strength, clung to the hope that he would be able to write the report until within two weeks of the Annual Convocation, when he realized the coming of that night 'when no man can work,' and he relinquished to less competent hands the task which for many years had been to him a labor of love. The vital spark still lingers in the feeble frame, but the life work of our dear Companion is finished. Paralyzed in body, but with undimmed mental vision, sustained by a firm trust in the Great I Am, he serenely awaits the great change.

"The greater portion of the writer's work has been accomplished since the Annual Convocation, in the hours he could spare to it from his regular vocation and his many Masonic duties. He shuns the

arena of controversy, indulges sparingly in comment, and aims to present only what may be of interest to our Companions in the transactions of sister jurisdictions. He asks the considerate judgment of the Guild, who will be quick to detect the 'prentice hand in the pages where they were wont to look for kindly criticism, ripe scholarship, and the garnered wisdom of sixty years of Masonic research and experience."

Robert Armour, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Florida.

Chapters . . 20.

Members . . 781.

Among those who attended the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation at Jacksonville, on 14th May, 1901, were twenty-five representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. He who is the custodian of Canada's interests there was not included in that illustrious company.

Grand High Priest Elmer E. Haskell set forth his official doings in a pamphlet of eighteen pages. He preceded his discourse with a reference to the disastrous fire which recently had wrought such havoc in the city where they were assembled, and expressed a hope that Grand Chapter would contribute to assist the distressed as far as its limited means would allow.

"Peace and harmony prevail everywhere in our jurisdiction, and Capitular Masonry is awakening from its slumbers, and unmistakable evidences of activity are plainly to be seen."

He granted a number of dispensations for various purposes, among others to ballot on applications and act thereon. In addition he desired to be generous, notwithstanding the law.

"In reference to the granting of dispensations, I have to report that in no case have I considered that the best interests of our craft required that payment for such dispensations should be made, as required by Constitution, Sec. 20, and therefore, in each case, I have remitted such fees."

The Committee, however, let him down easily by interpreting the section to mean that the remission of the fee is discretionary with the G. H. P.

He constituted Jericho Chapter at Miami, but "circumstances, business engagements and absence" interfered to prevent him visiting all the Chapters to which he was assigned. Nevertheless he did well, and among others communed with the Companions of Key West :

"This is the first and only Grand Visitation received by this Chapter, and to say that they appreciated this recognition, far away in their beautiful "isle of the sea," does not adequately recognize their extensive and hospitable entertainment."

He strongly condemned the practice observed in some Chapters of balloting for more than one petition at the same time, and in the event of a "dark" ballot then to ballot over separately. He recommended a regulation to prohibit the practice

The Grand Secretary urged a mutual arrangement with the Grand jurisdictions of Alabama and Georgia, both of which, he said, were favorably disposed for recognizing concurrent jurisdiction at or near the boundary lines.

Referring to the recent conflagration, he expressed gratitude for the preservation of the Masonic Temple, but deemed it his duty

"To earnestly recommend that this Grand Chapter join with the Grand Commandery in the purchase of a suitable fireproof safe for the library."

Two hundred dollars were voted to the Relief Committee for the fire sufferers, and \$125 for a safe.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Alonzo M. Cushman, Gainesville, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

Chapters .. 100.

Members .. 3,450.

This Grand jurisdiction was again sorely afflicted by the hand of death, its two principal officers being summoned in the interval between the Convocations. M. E. Companion Henry Clay Burr, Grand High

Priest, was called just one month before the present annual Convocation, and R. E. Companion John P. Shannon, Deputy Grand High Priest, in the previous September.

Companion Henry Banks, R. E. Grand King, acted as Grand High Priest at the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, held at Macon on the 25th April, 1901.

"In the fading days of the dying century that has passed, when nature was tracing with artistic touch her rich, rare colorings upon the cheek of fruit and flower, and field and forest were waving their red banners of victory over the dying year of a dying century, in the peaceful quiet of his home, surrounded by his loving, devoted wife and children, in the restful hush of the Sabbath morning, my friend and brother, John P. Shannon, gave up the brave fight he had waged for months, and closed his eyes upon the fleeting scenes of life and opened them upon the never-fading beauties of a glorious Immortality."

Thus he referred to the death of the Deputy Grand High Priest, who only preceded his chief by a few months.

"With mourning, sorrowing hearts, Georgia Masonry passed out of the old into the new century. Nature roused from her winter sleep by the whirling winds of March had just called the violet to life again and bade her herald the coming spring. Hope that had taken fright at the oft-repeated visits of the Grim Monster Death was just creeping back into our hearts, when with relentless and unerring aim, without pity or compassion for our sorrows of the past, he struck down the head of our Grand Council and removed from us our beloved Most Excellent Companion Henry C. Burr, Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

"His time, his mind, his body, his money and his heart, were freely and gladly laid upon the Altar of Masonry. Her sublime principles firmly imbedded in his nature by years of study and service made him an ideal husband, father, citizen and friend."

Very beautiful is his valedictory, which we would fain reproduce if space permitted, also the eloquent memorial addresses of M. E. Comps. Wessolowsky, and Comps. Jeffries and Rhea. They are models of diction and graceful sympathy.

M. E. James W. Taylor, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, being in waiting to visit the Grand Chapter of Georgia, R. E. Companion A. M.

Lambdin was appointed to introduce him, and he was received by the private Grand Honors.

Acting Grand High Priest Henry Banks extended the General Grand High Priest a cordial welcome, and conducted him to a seat of honor in the Grand East.

There was little of general interest coming before the Grand Chapter.

Referring to the dilatoriness of some Chapters in furnishing returns and dues within the specified time, the Committee on Returns reported :

“ It is the plain and imperative duty of the High Priests of the several subordinate Chapters to enforce a strict compliance with this law. Of all men, Royal Arch Masons should be exact and prompt business men, bringing in work that will meet the approval of the most exacting overseer.

“ We recommend that mileage and per diem be not paid to the representative of any Chapter whose Chapter has not made return to and settlement with this Grand Chapter, until said return and settlement has been made.”

The Finance Report showed Grand Chapter to be in the best financial shape it has been in for years, as it has money enough to pay all obligations without borrowing, as had been the custom for the past years. Balance on hand \$3,886.87.

R. E. Companion Lambdin's able report on Correspondence furnishes instructive perusal. He quotes the M. E. Grand Z's introduction to his address anent the death of Queen Victoria and gives a very good idea of Canada's Proceedings of 1901. He extracts liberally from the excellent centennial paper of E. Comp. Henry T. Smith and generously gives him credit for the Correspondence report also.

Henry Banks, La Grange, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Illinois.

Chapter . . 188.

Members . . 18,123.

There is a wealth of hope and confidence expressed in the lineaments of the M. E. the Grand High Priest for the current year. We welcome the portrait of Com-

panion Charles H. Patton, the representative of Canada, congratulate him on his deserved preferment, and predict for him a happy and prosperous year as head of the Capitular Craft in Illinois.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on the 24th October, 1901, presided over by the erudite Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Geo. W. Warville.

“ Nothing of startling import has occurred during the year. Our internal affairs, so far as I have been able to learn, have been most peaceful and harmonious.”

Three Past Grand High Priests had been called during the year, Companions Haswell Cordis Clarke, Jacob Krohn and Fred C. Winslow.

Of the method of dividing the State into nine districts for visitation, and assigning to each district a Grand Officer with the supervisory powers provided by law, he is not enamoured.

“ From the reports submitted, and from my own experience for the past nine years, I am satisfied that, as an effective system of visitation, this method is without merit. When visitations are made they are generally of a most perfunctory character, and, beyond a little display of respectful deference and good feeling, accomplish no good or useful results. In many cases no visits whatever are made, and, in almost every case, the Chapters most in need of inspection do not receive it.”

No dispensation for new Chapters had been issued during the year and but one new Chapter constituted.

Referring to the revised Ritual to be submitted for approval he said :

“ He that runs may read—and this feature has been condemned by some of the more conservative. But this I deem to be one of the merits of the report. It is now in a form that can readily be understood and assimilated by any person of average intelligence; it requires no key to read it and no interpreter to explain it. It is immaterial that, by some chance, some parts might be read and possibly understood by a profane. The day of studious concealment and secrecy in Masonic matters has passed. Indeed, we have no secrets, in the proper signification of the word, and if every line of ritual and rubric were published to the world it would not in any way affect the standing, influence or usefulness of the Fraternity or any of its various bodies. On the other hand, there are many and cogent reasons why the work of the Chapter should be made as plain and intelligible as possible.”

Believing that a one day's session would be beneficial he urged against the old practice of absorbing two and thus wasting valuable time and tiring out the delegates.

He also recommended a change in the construction or phraseology of the original charter for a Chapter, as he believed that the officers named in the dispensation did not always reflect the actual choice of the Companions.

"The charter of the Grand body is the effective act that imparts real life. Now it is not necessary, in imparting permanent vitality to a body already having a potential existence, that its officers should also be named. It is enough that the Companions signing the petition be formed into a regular body with a distinctive name and number. Upon the constitution of the body an election should be held and the officers so chosen by the newly formed body, by its own suffrages, should be the first officers. In my experience in constituting Chapters, I have found this to be a general desire of the Companions."

Closing he says, and there is food for thought in the remarks,

"In reviewing this address I find that I have omitted a number of matters that time and custom have made almost essential. Thus, I have inserted no observations on the flight of time, the beauties of fraternity, the advantages of Masonry, etc., and hence, the seekers after 'gems' will scan my pages in vain. But I have found so much of practical interest to talk about, that there seemed no room for those pearls of thought and flowers of fancy that so richly adorn the messages of my illustrious predecessors. I therefore crave your indulgence for this seeming dereliction."

The Grand High Priest of Minnesota, M. E. Companion Charles H. Brinsmead, was introduced and cordially welcomed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not hold with the G. H. P. in his desire to alter the form of the charter and recommended "that forms and customs which have so successfully obtained during the half century and more of existence of this Grand Chapter be continued."

The Committee on Grievances reported that after a careful research they had been unable to find a Companion with anything to complain of, and therefore congratulate the Royal Craft on the happy condition of affairs.

"The Book of the Law" is one of a series of papers which the Past Grand High Priest is contributing for the benefit of his Companions and which is found in the appendices. It is a valuable addition to the literature of the Craft and well worthy the perusal of the Masonic student.

Companion John M. Pearson submits his sixteenth and last, we regret to say, report on Correspondence, illness being the cause.

"In writing this report we have had the thought all along with us that it would be our last. We told the M. E. Grand High Priest and several Companions last October that such would be the case, and we had the pleasure of suggesting a most worthy successor."

The report lacks nothing of his customary care and able handling. He has a very kind review of Canada for 1901, and quotes M. E. Companion Reid approvingly. He also eulogises the interchange of sentiment expressed by Grand Representatives, and quoting R. E. Companions Patton and Forbes says the incident affords occasion to remind other Grand Representatives of duty neglected.

He reproduces our remarks on the action of Louisiana in recognizing the Grand Mark Lodge of England, "because of their historic value" and further:

"Our Grand Chapter is fully noticed and no adverse comments are made. This pleases us greatly, for Comp. Bennett has a keen eye for incongruities and a sharp pen to point at them, and his reports are readable, which is saying a great deal in these days of fine writing."

He also notices E. Companion H. T. Smith's historical paper most favorably, adding:

"The thanks of all are due to Comp. Smith for his labor of love, in observing and preserving so many facts that otherwise would have passed into oblivion.

"Farewell! a word that must be, and hath been—
A sound which makes us linger;—yet—farewell."

Charles H. Patton, Mt. Vernon, Grand High Priest.
Gilbert W. Bernard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Indiana.

Chapters . . 97.

Members . . 7,519.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Indianapolis, on the 23rd October, 1901. M. E. Companion Renwick W. Crockett opened his address with a touching reference to the late President:

“Scripture informs us that Joshua commanded the sun to stand and the command was obeyed. The whole world, out of respect for William McKinley, stood still on the day of his burial, the personage more than the office being the incentive. To be good is to be great. That he was good has been shown by the tribute paid his memory by the whole Christian world. That he was great has been acknowledged by the great rulers and wise men of the earth without a single exception.”

Ill health compelled the resignation of Grand Secretary Wm. H. Smythe, and the G. H. P. appointed Companion Calvin W. Prather to the position.

He issued three dispensations for new Chapters.

He was unable to make any visitations and his decisions covered familiar ground.

The rushing process he disapproves and appeals for for the abrogation of a permissive clause.

“When a petition to be made a Mason is presented to a Lodge, the law governing requires said petition to lay over for consideration for a stated period. When a petition for the Orders of the Temple is presented to a Commandery, the law governing requires said petition to lay over for consideration for a stated period. When a petition is presented to a Chapter, a case of emergency may be declared, the report of committee made, ballot had, and the entire series of Degrees, including the Royal Arch, conferred upon the petitioner before leaving the hall. That proper protection in the matter of a safeguard may be had to Capitular Masonry, I therefore recommend that Section 58 of the General Regulations be amended to strike out the exception clause, which reads as follows:

“Except in cases of emergency when by unanimous consent of the members present action may be sooner had thereon.”

The Jurisprudence Committee, however, did not “deem it expedient” to repeal the clause.

Past Grand High Priest Simeon S. Johnson contributes a “boiled down and condensed” report on Correspondence. Canada for 1901 receives exactly six lines which we quote:

"The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter come to us in quite a large 'periodical,' and to the Companions of Canada there is very much of interest, as it is made up mostly of reports by the Grand Superintendents of the different districts. Nothing of general interest. The Report on Correspondence is voluminous and most readable, but not to be quoted here."

Why? we will not venture to state because we can only guess, but Companion Johnson will pardon us if we quote himself under Nevada.

"Committee on Correspondence, reviewing Indiana, devotes twenty-two lines of Proceedings to the effort, and succeeded in saying that a 'number of rulings were made on question of advancement,' but fail to inform their readers what the rulings were; also say that Companion Mordhurst's report is 'chatty' — only this and nothing more. Their review reminds us of the old inquiry: 'If so soon done, why ever begun?'"

Companion Johnson says he was limited to one hundred pages and was therefore desirous to be brief. He succeeded in keeping within the boundary, his report just covering fifty-eight.

Simeon P. Gillett, Evansville, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Indian Territory.

Chapters . . 31.

Members . . 1,133.

How it grows! More new Chapters and a net gain in membership of 156! This was the gratifying condition of things reported at the Twelfth Annual Convocation, held at Muskogee on the 23rd April, 1901. The Grand High Priest must have felt proud, though the portrait of M. E. Companion Jonas A. Lee who held that office would not indicate it. This may account for his serious aspect.

"It is with a feeling of earnestness that I make you this, my report. While there has been no strife or contention among the workmen, and only once have I been called upon for an opinion, and there having been two Chapters constituted and four instituted during the present year, still I feel that the whole duty of a Grand High Priest has not been by me performed. Yet, I do feel that when an officer is handicapped for the want of sufficient means, it is not to be charged up to his lack of zeal for the Order if he fails to spend much

of his time among the Companions and the Chapters under his jurisdiction. Along this line, I feel that I am short in the good I might have done had my private matters been such as to permit me to have done as I felt it my duty."

As the Grand High Priest concluded the roll of the honored dead, he called Grand Chapter up and the Grand Chaplain prayed. The address was then resumed.

"For good and sufficient reasons" he issued a number of dispensations on the customary appeals. But ye that have ears to hear !

"I refused to issue a special dispensation to the High Priest and Companions of Tyrian Chapter, No. 20, to suspend operations of the By-laws for ninety days, and allow said Chapter to receive petitions for the degrees conferred in said Chapter for \$15 00. I did this believing there should be some unnatural cause existing to warrant such action, as cheap degrees naturally make cheap Masons."

The financial statement shows a balance on hand of \$2,798.35.

Because of the loss by fire of the Masonic Hall at Durant, and the consequent loss of valuable regalia by the Chapter, the dues of Durant Chapter, U. D., amounting to \$38, were refunded. Five hundred dollars were donated to the Orphans' Home out of the funds of the Grand Chapter. It was announced that the marriage of Companion Henry L. Jarboe, Jr., who has been a regular attendant upon the Convocation of the Grand Chapter for several years, would take place on the morrow, and on motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to wire congratulations of Grand Chapter to him and his bride.

"NOTE.—The Grand Secretary failed to find the proper address to comply with this instruction, but will write the congratulation. Better late than never"

M. E. Comp. J. S. Morrow again presents the Report on Correspondence, which should have included Canada for 1901, but didn't. The Proceedings were mailed in ample time and a vote of censure on the postal authorities is in order.

William E. Eagleton, Pawnee, Grand High Priest.
Joseph S. Morrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

Iowa.

Chapters . . 123.

Members . . 8,238.

Our heart goes out to Iowa in sincere fraternal sympathy for the great bereavements it has sustained since last Grand Chapter met at Des Moines. Within two brief months three great lights were extinguished. The first, who presided over its destinies during its initial year of being, the last, who laid down the burden of life but eleven days prior to the present convening; and another, whose rule over the Royal Craft dates back but little more than a decade; three names held in honor where'er the name and fame of Iowa Masonry have gone abroad.

“Of this royal trio, Theodore Sutton Parvin was the Nestor, and the first to fall. Born in Cedarville, New Jersey, January 15th, 1817, he passed serenely to his final rest, June 28th, 1901, having rounded out more than fourscore years of active and varied usefulness. One of the founders of Masonry in Iowa, in every branch of the Order, he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1852-3; first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, 1854; Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, 1860; first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, 1864, and re-elected in 1865; Inspector-General for Iowa, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from 1867 to 1901. Upon the organization of the Grand Lodge, in 1844, he was chosen as Grand Secretary, and served continuously in that office until his death, save the single year in which he was Grand Master, the term of service being longer than that of any other officer in the history of American Masonry. A student and book-lover, he early began the collection of Masonic, as of other works, and thus laid the foundation of the Iowa Masonic Library, the only and unique institution of its kind in the world.”

“The virtuous nothing fear but shame,
And death's a pleasant road that leads to fame.”

“Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, the genial kindly author of the Correspondence report, died August 4th, 1901, when the veil parted, and to earthly vision he ‘was not, for God took him.’ On the 3rd he went from his home in Anamosa to Dubuque to attend to legal matters; was taken ill on the train, but resolutely held to his purpose to attend to the business for which he had made the journey, upon the completion of which he was taken from the court house to a hotel and from thence, on the following day, to a hospital, where the end came soon after nine o’clock p.m.

“He was active in all branches of Masonry in his home town, having been Worshipful Master, High Priest, and Eminent Commander in the several bodies. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, 1886-7, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, 1896-7. In every position he acquitted himself well. His record is in the hearts of his friends. They mourn his departure, but not as those who have no hope.

“To him death was not
So much as the lifting of a latch;
Only a step into the open air,
Out from a tent already luminous
With light that shines through its transparent walls.”

“Grand High Priest N. B. Hyatt had been suffering from lung disease for many months. Early in August last he was able to get out of doors and to his office, but about August 20th he suffered a relapse from which he did not recover, and died about 10 o’clock p.m., Sunday, August 25th, 1901, surrounded by his immediate family, at his home in Webster City. He endured great pain and suffering, and he was in full possession of his mental faculties till within a few moments of the end of his life. One of the greatest regrets expressed by him the morning of his last day on earth, was, ‘I don’t believe I shall be able to go to Grand Chapter.’

“By the use of will power, and the taking advantage of the periods of improved strength, he had been able to perform and complete his duties pertaining to this Grand Chapter. He had written, corrected, and

returned to the printers his 'Report of My Doings as your Grand High Priest,' just a few days previous to his passing away."

Deputy Grand High Priest T. B. Lacey presided at the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation, held at Davenport on the 5th September following, and was enabled to read the last message to his Companions from the departed ruler.

The Grand High Priest referred eulogistically to the two brilliant Masons who had "gone before."

He congratulated Grand Chapter on its great prosperity and alluded to Iowa as the home of Royal Arch Masonry.

He issued Dispensations for two new Chapters and recommended the restoration of the charter to one suspended.

The selection of appointed officers in Grand Chapter he urged should be based upon merit solely.

The lamented Grand High Priest thus concluded :

"Wherein I may have failed to come up to your highest expectations, be assured that it was not from want of a disposition to faithfully serve you, but rather from want of ability to do so. I feel assured, however, that my successor will find the condition of the craft throughout the state to be excellent. So far as I know, not a single strife exists within the jurisdiction, and it is the wish of your humble servant that it may ever remain so."

There was little to interest any but those immediately concerned in the general proceedings. The Davenport Companions, with their characteristic hospitality, treated their guests to a boat ride on the Mississippi.

"And it was four happy hours before she returned to the pier once more. Meantime a delightfully informal evening had been spent. With conversation, refreshment, and dancing, the time passed only too soon, and we reluctantly bade the rising moon good night as we turned back to the hotel, but we carried away with us pleasant recollections of a most delightful incident of our meeting."

The Correspondence report, which is compiled in the old sparkling style of the now departed writer, is prefaced by the Grand Secretary as follows :

"A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE. — [Most Excellent Companion T. R. Ercanbrack, the writer of this report, had finished his labors in

the same happy vein with which he had sent forth previous reports, without premonition of the approaching end, but alas! he passed away without warning, on Sunday, August 4th, after the copy had been placed in the hands of the printers.]

And singularly, he whom Iowa mourns and a Royal Arch continent will sorely miss, submitted his report with the following appropriate words:

"It is with joy and gladness that your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence appears before you with a report in his hand filled with good tidings and expressions of exultation. The moral status of the Capitular institution is still rising. Those entering the Royal Arch fold in all parts of the civilized world are the brightest and the best. Those of our Companions who are wrapping their robes about them and lying down to pleasant dreams leave splendid records of good deeds well done. They leave behind them on the sands of time such

'Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
Some forlorn, shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again.'

His last review of Canada was that for 1901, and he extracted freely from the Grand Z.'s address and the report thereon, and remarked:

"In no former volume from Canada have we found such a display of affection for a 'beloved Queen' and such marked interest in British affairs."

And finally he quotes the Correspondent's exordium in full, adding:

"Companion George J. Bennett is a most excellent reviewer. He knows that Canada is prosperous, and his rendition of the Old Testament is lucid. His version of Iowa affairs for 1900 is quite as vividly truthful as his Abrahamic exposition. How blessed it is that

'Truth crushed to earth will rise again.'

Thomas B. Lacey, Council Bluffs, Grand High Priest.
Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky.

Chapters .. 78

Members .. 3,412

Another Grand Chapter where death found a shining mark. In the February preceding the Annual Convocation, M. E. Comp. John Speed Smith, Grand High Priest, was summoned to his eternal abode.

"A man of signal ability, upright character and sterling integrity, he was loved by his friends and honored by the confidence of every Grand Masonic Body in this jurisdiction.

"In December, 1886, he was elected Master without ever having passed the Warden's Chair. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in October, 1892, he was elected Grand Master, which is the only instance known to the Committee in which the father and son, both bearing the same name, have been elected to this exalted position."

The Deputy Grand High Priest assumed the duties until September, when business called him away, and the responsibility unexpectedly fell upon the Grand King, R. E. Comp. Hal T. Jefferson, and under the circumstances he did well.

Past Grand High Priest Henry Renshaw was another whose death left a gap among the veterans of Kentucky.

The Grand King presided at the Eighty-third Annual Convocation, held at Louisville, Oct. 16th, 1900. His brief address explained the sad situation and furnished all the available information.

Grand Secretary Grant reported the happy adjustment of the little difficulty with an Indiana Chapter.

Articles of incorporation were duly approved and filed.

Grand Treasurer reported total resources at opening of Grand Chapter, \$6,790.63.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that "The members of this Grand Body are so well versed in the laws of Capitular Masonry that no subjects have been presented for its consideration."

"The maxim, 'know thyself,' does not suffice ;
Know others !—know them well—that's my advice."

In the actual doings of Grand Chapter there is little to catch the reviewer's eye, beyond the pleasant feature that all seems to be going well with it. So mote it be.

For the thirteenth time, M. E. Comp. Staton furnishes the chatty report on Correspondence, which included Canada for 1900.

“Two decisions are reported, to the first of which we must dissent. A brother had received the degrees in the United States and came to a Canadian town to reside. After taking up his residence there he petitioned a Chapter for the Chapter degrees. He decided that the consent of the Chapter where he hailed from should first be obtained, and likewise the approval of the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction in which that Chapter is situated. Having removed from the United States and taken up his residence in Canada, the Chapter, or the Grand High Priest, from whose jurisdiction he removed, had no more jurisdiction over the candidate than the ‘Man in the Moon.’”

Merely a matter of precaution. Suppose a Canadian brother had been rejected by a Chapter within his own jurisdiction and chose to subsequently holiday for a few months in Kentucky, we are inclined to doubt whether Comp. Staton’s enthusiasm for the stranger within his gates would be enhanced by a knowledge of former circumstances, especially if he had hospitably accepted him in his Chapter without making enquiry.

“Wisely and slow ; they stumble that run fast.”

Hal T. Jefferson, Louisville, Grand High Priest.

Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana.

Chapters . . 22.

Members, 1,244.

This Grand body is not falling behind in the procession, as the doings of the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation at New Orleans, on 13th February, 1900, clearly demonstrate. Following in the wake of the previous report another satisfactory increase in strength is announced and under the guidance of wise counsellors will continue so.

M. E. Comp. J. F. Pierson, Grand High Priest, preceded his account of a year’s stewardship by some thoughtful remarks. The following extract which we respectfully commend to the careful perusal of his colleagues at the nation’s Capital, and who, by a coincidence, he visited there at the annual Convocation of the District of Columbia’s Grand Chapter :

“It is of the first importance to the perpetuity of Masonic traditions that the practice and teachings of Masonry should be kept independent

and separate from the ever-changing policies and administrations of temporal government. Its prosperity and influences cannot be maintained by the advocacy or adoption of governmental policies, that would substitute for the 'peace and harmony' of the Masonic body the political discord, turmoil and acrimony which always attended the administration of governmental affairs. No enthusiasm over the sublime teachings of our ancient and honorable institution should ever move us to dethrone Masonry from the lofty pinnacle of its ancient origin and universality, nor to degrade it from the perpetuity of its sublime truths to the vacillating dogmas or the polluted influences of the political arena."

And he administered a fraternal "call down" to the General Grand High Priest whose enthusiasm led him to talk of

"Questions of great political and international significance well worthy of the greatest abilities of statesmen and jurists, but matters wholly foreign to the purposes or mission of Masonry.

"In no conceivable aspect can the discussion or advocacy of the opinion of these subjects promote the purposes or uphold the mission of Masonic institutions; the only possible resulting influence which such discussions can reflect tends to the disintegration of the Order and the nullification of the benignant influences it is intended to inculcate.

"Whatever political conditions may surround us; whatever temporal government may claim our allegiance, as Masons we should ever cling to the proud heritage of our institutions, and never forsake the traditions which have stood the test of the ages and withstood the crucible of time."

He decided that the chief officer of a Chapter could not demit during his term of office.

To aid in the relief of Companions left destitute by the frightful visitation at Galveston, Grand Chapter, early in October, contributed the sum of \$500.00, which was forwarded to the seat of disaster, and there applied to the relief of bereaved Companions and their dependents.

A resolution that the sum of fifty dollars be donated from the funds of Grand Chapter for the purpose of erecting a tomb or marble monument over the remains of the late Companion John Q. A. Fellows, Past Grand High Priest, was approved.

Also that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated out of general funds for the relief of Companion Wm. Tell during the ensuing year.

The per capita was reduced from one dollar to fifty cents.

Companion Herman C. Duncan presents a brief report on Correspondence which does not do him justice. He extracts from the address of M. E. Companion Reid, but without comment.

With regard to the G. H. P's privilege of making a Royal Arch Mason "at sight," he is of the opinion that "the rightfulness of it cannot be successfully controverted."

He has this to say on the solitary objection feature :

"We believe that no degree in Masonry should be conferred in spite of a known objection ; that unanimity should always prevail. We also dissent from the proposition that an objector forfeits his rights by making known the character of his objections. On the other hand, we do agree with the proposition that an unreasonable objection, an objection made out of pure meanness, is decidedly unmasonic and ought to be punished."

We have heretofore ventured the opinion that any Companion who had the temerity to differ with the sage of Maine on matters Masonic could not continue to exist and enjoy the same meed of appreciation as formerly. Companion Duncan differed with him on matters historical in connection with General Grand Chapter and Companion Drummond wrote :

"One of two things is true ; either Companion Duncan is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason, or he is profoundly ignorant of the history of Royal Arch Masonry in his own jurisdiction, as well as that of the General Grand Chapter. The former, of course, is utterly inadmissible ; therefore, the latter must be the true solution."

The Louisiana Companion naturally resents this and retorts :

"No manly man would use such language who felt that there was any strength in his contention. Mud-slinging is a sure sign of appreciated weakness, and we are glad that it is so, for we cannot bandy such thoroughly unmasonic and highly offensive language as the above."

He is inclined to end it here, but to strengthen his case he gives him a few further facts and figures and says :

"Companion Drummond is not the General Grand Chapter, and it would be well to have that understood."

“For the reason that he has endeavored to make the General Grand Chapter something other than it is, we believe him the worse foe to the unity of Royal Arch Masonry that lives to-day.”

If this sort of thing continues we shall all begin to rejoice that there is a pretty wide strip of territory between Louisiana and Maine.

“All things I thought I knew ; but now confess
The more I know I know, I know the less.”

J. F. Pierson, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine.

Chapters . . 56

Members . . 6,502

Portland, as usual, was favored with the Annual Convocation (Seventy-fifth) on the 1st May, 1900 ; M. E. Companion Winfield S. Hinckley, Grand High Priest, presiding.

His address was confined to his official doings, and paid fraternal tribute to esteemed Companions who had departed during the year.

Three of his dispensations were to hold elections, the officers elect declining to be installed.

He recommended that Grand Representatives be appointed for six instead of three years, owing to “expense” and “trouble,” which was subsequently agreed to.

The condition of the Royal Craft, he reported, was flourishing, “but not so rapidly as to induce an unhealthy growth.”

Grand officers to whom was submitted the duty of visitation, accomplished the undertaking with credit to themselves. The Deputy Grand High Priest visited Massachusetts’ Centennial and heard the address of Maine’s solon.

“It is safe to say that a greater respect is more universally felt for Comp. Drummond’s Masonic knowledge, and a higher appreciation shown for the great work he has done for the institution, than is accorded to any other Companion in this country.”

He was right. He was quite safe to say that—in Maine. Now in Louisiana—but that's another story.

Neither the Grievances and Appeals nor Jurisprudence Committees had anything to report, except lack of business.

In his admirable Correspondence report Companion Drummond approves Alabama's legislation, dealing with the registration of the Mark, and says:

“There is too great a disposition to wear Masonic insignia as decorations, but the Mark of the Companion is very rarely seen in the decoration worn. If this evil must exist, we wish that the sentiment of making more of the Mark of each Companion could be increased, and we should be quite content to have every Companion have his Mark in metallic form always in his possession.”

After a perusal of the Grand Superintendent's reports in Canada for 1900, he says:

“We were somewhat surprised by the report of one of these officers, that he had not visited a certain Chapter because he had no invitation to do so. We are surprised, because we have understood that the system is similar to ours, and that it is the duty of that officer to visit every Chapter in his district, whether invited or not. Our experience has shown that the Chapters, which would not invite the officer to make a visit, are the very ones that most need visitations. There is no doubt but that the system of visitations in Canada, as practically administered, is of great service to the Craft, and accounts in no small degree for the prosperity of the Royal Craft in that Province.”

To a decision of the Grand Z., regarding the necessity for procuring consent before accepting an applicant, he says:

“If the brother had taken up his permanent residence in the town, as we understand the law, no Chapter at his previous residence would undertake to give the consent suggested. When he ceases to be a resident in the jurisdiction of a Chapter in this country, that Chapter loses all interest in him.”

True, if the residence is meant to be permanent; but there is always the possibility of a rejected applicant taking advantage of a temporary sojourn, especially along the border line, in order to obtain that which the Companions at home decline to give him for reasons of their own. If the Grand Z. erred it was on the side of caution.

He is with us in our views on dependent membership and quotes us thereon.

Once more he gets after us on the "initial" question, with the wholly erroneous idea that we objected to the criticism. Not a bit of it. We then, as now, recognize its soundness, and while, as he says, a clerk of a court might endanger his position by neglecting to follow out the line suggested, it may be added, in strict confidence and on behalf of another who shall be nameless, that he is a good officer who obeys his superiors. But even now there is a possibility of improvement.

Another idol shattered. He is not a judge—says so himself; and yet he has been accorded that title by others whom we have been reading for years, and we naturally fell into the error. Well, all we can say is, that if Companion Drummond is not a judge, his fellow-citizens are lacking in discernment, for in arriving at a final decision, and promptly sentencing the culprit, he has not his equal in all the guilds of the continent.

It is not always wise, too, to trust to appearances, as in the case of a recently appointed judge in England, who is possessed of a mild and kindly exterior, which at first sight gives the impression that its owner is a simple country gentleman rather than an expert lawyer. At any rate, this was evidently the view of a professional seller of painted birds, who one day, some years ago, met Sir James in the neighbourhood of the Law Courts, in London, and, showing him one of his birds, asked that eminent dispensator of justice to what species he would take it to belong. The lawyer stopped, carefully examined the gaudy little creature, and then replied that he had not seen a bird exactly like that one before, but, judging from the old proverb that birds of a feather flock together, he should say that it was a gaol-bird. The intending vendor did not wait for more!

Referring to the remarks of Companion Duncan on the nomenclature of this Grand Body, he opportunely explains:

"Our Companion does not hit the precise matter in question. In addition to the Grand Chapter of Canada, there are Grand Chapters

in the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia ; these Grand Chapters rather object to the continued use of the name 'Grand Chapter of Canada,' as that implies a Grand Chapter for the whole Dominion. However, we do not think that the time has come for Grand Chapters in either Manitoba or British Columbia, and as everybody understands what is meant by the 'Grand Chapter of Canada,' we do not think any injury will follow from its continuing to use its old name."

With acknowledgment of his kind words respecting ourselves, we reluctantly and with fervent good wishes, whisper—adieu.

Winfield S. Hinckley, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

Chapters . . 20

Members . . 1,961

Peace, harmony and a gentle growth characterized the Royal Craft in Maryland for the year which ended with the One hundred and third Annual Convocation, held at Baltimore, on the 13th November, 1900.

M. E. Companion Daniel T. Ordeman, Grand High Priest, whose good looking portrait is presented with the volume, told briefly of his official acts during the year. He had to announce the demise of Past Grand High Priest William H. Clark, whom he described as—

"A Christian gentleman, being a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a good citizen, and an eminent and zealous Mason."

He authorized the formation of a new Chapter at Laurel. Individual members of the consenting Chapter protested, but their objection did not hold and the dispensation was issued.

Here is how he dealt with visitations :

"Early in the term it was concluded that for obvious reasons the visits of courtesy to the subordinate Chapters on the part of the Grand Officers might be confined to special occasions, necessitating official presence, without detriment to the interests of the Chapters, and that the latter might be relied upon to forego, for a time at least, those very pleasant occasions, which have ever seemed to spread the cement of fraternal affection among us. No evidence appears, as yet, to affect unfavorably the conclusion arrived at in the premises.

"The Installation of Officers of Chapters devolving upon the Grand High Priest, was provided for by constituting the Grand Lecturer my proxy for such purpose."

The Grand Lecturer covered the ground, with his accustomed assiduity, nor did he miss a single Chapter.

Companion John M. Carter, who had been selected at the Triennial Convocation of General Grand Chapter as the Treasurer of that august body, was duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on the "Doings of Grand Officers," noted the lack of work and consequent apathy in otherwise prosperous rural Chapters.

"So, in the coming year, we recommend the renewal of the visitations of the Grand High Priest, especially among the rural Chapters, not with the pomp and circumstance of a large retinue, but by his personal presence and counsel to aid and encourage the Companions and stimulate them to greater zeal and enthusiasm in the Royal Art."

M. E. Companion Edward T. Schultz is still to the fore as Correspondent, although his sight continues impaired.

"With the aid of a reader and amanuensis, I am once more enabled to prepare the annual review of the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters in fraternal correspondence with our Grand Chapter.

"With this report I have rounded out a full quarter of a century in this position, having been first appointed by Grand High Priest Hermon L. Emmons, in 1875, and since then annually re-appointed by his successors."

He gives a couple of pages to Canada, for 1899, and compliments the reviewer. We still cherish the hope that his affliction is only temporary.

On the dependent membership question, he entertains our view. To him of Connecticut, who is the other way, he says :

"We agree with Brother Barlow that a Mason should help sustain his Lodge, but we deny the right of the Grand Chapter to compel him to do so.

"There was a period in our Masonic life when we took paramount interest in Capitular Masonry, and if our circumstances at the time would not have permitted us to have kept up our membership in both departments, we would have given up the Lodge. There was another period in our Masonic life when the Commandery had more interest for us, and if our circumstances would not have permitted us to keep up our membership in more than one department, we would have relin-

quished our membership rights and privileges in both Lodge and Chapter, and we hold that no power on earth could rightfully have prevented us from so doing."

On the practice of some Grand Chapters, who deprive Companions of membership for non-payment of dues, he very properly says, under Pennsylvania :

"We contend that the rights and privileges of membership in a particular Chapter is the only punishment that should be inflicted for the non-payment of dues. A deprivation of Capitular rights can only be rightfully imposed after the preferment of charges and a regular trial for an offence committed against the general regulations of the fraternity."

Daniel C. Avery, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

George L. McCahan, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts.

Chapters . . 75.

Members . . 16,079.

Quarterly Convocations were held in March, June and September, at which much business was disposed of.

At the March meeting the Grand Commander of Knights Templars was announced and honored with a seat in the East. Here he would be recognized as a Royal Arch Mason only.

A case of invasion of jurisdiction received due consideration.

M. E. Companion Warren B. Ellis, who delivered an interesting address at the Centennial Celebration, was voted one hundred dollars as "compensation for the labor in its preparation." He was also decorated with a P. G. H. P's. jewel.

At the September Convocation the petition of twenty-two companions at Ayer for a new Chapter was favorably considered.

Grand Chapter constituted a new Chapter at Winthorpe in October.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation was held Dec. 11, 1900, in Boston. There was a large attendance to witness the exemplification of the degrees in the forenoon.

In the evening the "Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, was presented and welcomed in the East with the courtesies due his station,"

The great men of outside bodies enjoy a rare distinction in Massachusetts. The Grand High Priest, Warren B. Ellis, welcomed the Companions and congratulated them,

"On the success that has attended us during the past year. Peace, Harmony, and prosperity have prevailed. Our Chapters have grown in membership and influence, and the importance of the Capitular Rite is more widely recognized than ever before. More than ever it is appreciated for its own worth and for the fraternal and social companionship of its members."

He pointed out that the question of Chapter jurisdiction is one that is frequently presented and sometimes difficult to decide, particularly in the case of candidates for the degree who reside in towns where no Chapter is established.

"I would, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed to define the jurisdiction of each Chapter in the State, and that a map showing such jurisdictions, suitably colored, be prepared and deposited in the office of the Grand Secretary for information on this subject."

"The address was listened to with the closest attention throughout and received with expressions of marked approval." And a little later its author was re-elected to his exalted position.

Grand Secretary J. Gilman Waite is again the careful and able reviewer of the doings of sister Grand Chapters and he presents a most interesting report which included Canada for 1900.

"We notice that among the dispensations granted there were 'nine to wear Royal Arch clothing at divine service and funerals.' It was not stated to what extent the officers were clothed, but we presume not beyond the wearing of collars, aprons and gloves."

The "presumption" is passed O. K. In noticing Canada's wealth he errs when quoting the cash balance. The figures looked so nice that we were inclined to pass on with a gratified smile, when we paused in justice to our treasurer. \$2,173 is still far short of \$21,733, but

our anticipations of a rich future are rosy and the "pay roll" is as yet unborn.

Referring to M. E. Companion Reid's visit to the centennial celebration at Boston he says :

"We are sure his presence delighted the Companions of the Old Bay State, and we trust will tend to strengthen the bond that binds the two jurisdictions in one common fraternity."

Warren B. Ellis, Boston, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Michigan.

Chapters . . 135.

Members . . 13,983.

M. E. Companion Reuben C. Webb, of Detroit, presided as Grand High Priest over the deliberations of the Fifty-third Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple of that city, on the 15th January, 1901. Nearly all the Chapters were represented and the attendance totalled 307. Addressing the Companions he said :

"It should be, as I know it is, a matter of grateful pride to us that our Royal Craft, and Masonry generally, have advanced with the world and its institutions, and is to-day stronger than ever in its personal and in its material condition. I know it is the fashion with many to decry later day practices, to shake the head and dolefully remark that Masonry is not what it used to be, to question the accessories which ornament and illuminate our ritual, to criticize the development of the social features which are so prominently a part of lodge doings, and to look with a pessimistic eye upon the rapid growth of our beloved order. But all these things are but simple steps in the constant process of evolution which marks all live individuals and societies."

He was asked if a Master Mason who removed from the jurisdiction and demitted to become Master of a Lodge in Africa, and returned to stay for several months, could petition a Chapter in which he had formerly been rejected, without waiting the six months in order to regain residence. He decided that as the brother was the material of that Chapter the interval was not necessary. He was also asked :

"Can the petition of a brother who has been elected to receive the degrees in a Canadian Chapter be received and acted upon by a Michigan Chapter?"

One would like to know the circumstances under which the Canadian brother desired to cross the border. That information is not given however, but the G. H. P. ruled that he could not go without proper permission from the Canadian Chapter.

He describes in the issue and perusal by the Companions of the new Constitution a more extended knowledge of the requirements thereof.

“All our Chapter work and business has adapted itself most harmoniously to the change.”

He constituted two new Chapters and issued dispensations for the formation of three.

His visit to General Grand Chapter did not impress him to any alarming extent.

“This was my first and will probably be my last visit to that Grand Body. I went there with very exalted ideas of the dignity and high character, as well as the general usefulness of the General Grand Chapter, and, but for this visit, should doubtless have entertained the same high opinion of it for the rest of my life.

“It is certainly a very deliberative body, as it took three days to transact the business that could just as well have been done in half a day. In fact, the only business of importance seemed to be the election of a General Grand Master of the First Veil, who, if he lives for twenty-seven years, will probably become General Grand High Priest.

“The General Grand Chapter may be a very useful body, but I must confess I failed to discover wherein its usefulness lay, and yet I find that we are paying about \$140.00 every year for the inestimable privilege of being a constituent part of that body, and in the last ten years we have paid \$1,311.19 for this purpose, and this does not include the expenses of our delegates, for which an additional appropriation is made every third year by our Grand Chapter. It seems to be that we get very small returns for the money invested.”

Before concluding he thus refers to the services of the Grand Secretary :

“Never until this year have I fully appreciated that he not only deserved all the praise which has been given him, as he deserved all which I and my successors may give ; but that none have yet risen to the occasion and given him his full due, and neither in all probability shall I.”

Considering that the Grand Lecturer receives a higher salary than the Grand Secretary it was about time somebody threw out a hint to Grand Chapter.

The former officer who did good work has this to say in his report :

“ I have been asked a great many times, the question, How shall we ‘ raise ’ and ‘ lower ’ ? We have no ritual for this work. The only reference to it I have been able to find, is an answer given by a Past Grand High Priest, to this effect : ‘ Dispense with work in one degree, and resume work in another.’ This, to my mind, is very crude to say the least.”

The question, which is refreshingly redolent of the immortal Silas Wegg, is a serious one, but surely Michigan can produce a capitular Mr. Boffin.

The Masonic Home report revealed the fact that there are 45 inmates being cared for at a per capita cost of \$2.91 weekly. The disbursements for the year, which included a deficit of \$561.91, were \$7,040.06, and the receipts \$6,885.67. Evidently care and economy are being exercised.

Companions Leonard and Sweet are responsible for a curt review of the proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters in which Canada has a dozen lines. An explanation is discovered in the report of the Finance Committee.

“ Your committee would recommend the payment of \$50 to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for services rendered, and that in view of the fact that there is seemingly but little benefit derived from their labors, we recommend that future reports of the committee be abolished.”

When it is considered that Michigan has 135 Chapters and nearly 14,000 Companions in active membership we think that such a recommendation, with its adoption by Grand Chapter, was a retrograde action and certainly not one of the “ simple steps in the constant process of evolution ” emphasized so strongly by the Grand High Priest in his address.

“ O mighty Cæsar ! Dost thou lie so low ?
Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils,
Shrunk to this little measure ? ”

William F. Denfield, Saginaw, Grand High Priest.
Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota.

Chapters .. 63

Members .. 5,396

Canada's representative, M. E. Companion Andrew P. Swanstrom, successfully ruled over Minnesota's Grand Chapter for the year just closed, and congratulations are again in order.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation, over which he presided as Grand High Priest, was held in the city of St. Paul on the 8th October, 1901.

"The altar was draped in mourning, as was also a large picture of our loved and lamented late President, Comp. William McKinley."

He was most active in visitation, and it had been his intention to cover the jurisdiction, but found it impossible so to do. Referring to one of his visits he says :

"Our ancient brethren held their meetings on a high hill or in a low dale. It was an extremely warm evening. We drove five miles to Eagle Lake. After supper and a boat ride on the lake an informal meeting was held in the boat house, the first on record, I believe, of a meeting of that kind."

He decided that "striking from the roll in his Lodge does not affect the status of a Companion in his Chapter."

That's very like a body blow to dependent membership over there.

Another which will stagger those Companions who are elastic on physical perfection, was "A candidate who cannot raise either arm above his head is ineligible to receive the Capitular degrees."

The Grievances Committee reported :

"We congratulate this Grand Chapter that no cause of grievance has been brought to the attention of the committee, and its members know of none existing in our Grand Chapter or any of its Chapters."

It was resolved :—"That the sum of \$500, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest and

deputies appointed for the purpose of strengthening and unifying the work throughout this Grand Jurisdiction."

Grand Secretary furnishes a fifty page report on Correspondence, and in extenuation of its brevity he says :—

" Few subjects of importance are being discussed ; none that are likely to interrupt the universal peace and harmony that generally prevail. The outlook at the beginning of the new century is very promising for the Royal Craft. The sublime principles of our time-honored Masonic fraternity are being accepted more and more by all civilized people, moulding their thought, broadening their conceptions of duty and teaching them to love, honor and adore their great Creator, to obey His laws and in their treatment of their fellows to strictly observe the Golden Rule."

Chas. H. Brinsmead, Minneapolis, Grand High Priest.

Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Missouri.

Chapters .. 97

Members .. 7,518

Comp. G. J. Klock, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, who was " properly welcomed " by Grand High Priest Arthur Middleton Hough, was a distinguished visitor at the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation, held in St. Louis on the 24th April, 1891.

M. E. Comp. Hough's address was brief and indicated a general degree of prosperity in Missouri. He congratulated the Grand Chapter upon the happy condition of its affairs that made it unnecessary for him to render any decisions.

The necessity of a substantial fire-proof building in connection with the Masonic Home was brought to his notice.

" Having received information that the building was an assured fact, on January 19th, 1901, I directed the Grand Secretary to draw his warrant in favor of the Masonic Home Board for the sum of three thousand dollars. I know of no way that the surplus funds of our Grand Bodies could better be expended than to provide thoroughly safe and comfortable buildings for the inmates of our Masonic Home."

He suspended the High Priest of a Chapter for a

"breach of the moral code," an accusation which, on investigation by a committee of Grand Chapter, was found defective.

The General Grand is invited to meet at Kansas City next triennial, and if the invitation is accepted the sum of \$1,200 is to be set apart for expenses.

Companion Wm. H. Mayo's Correspondence report is as usual bright and interesting, albeit it is largely review and extract. He gives to Canada a couple of pages, mostly excerpts from the Grand Z's address.

Concluding he says:

"There are no great or important matters disturbing the minds or agitating the pens of writers in the Royal Craft; everything seems to be moving along smoothly and prosperously, as well as fraternally.

"Our accompanying statistical table shows a good healthy increase all along the line with the exception of a few of the southern States, which show a net loss; this appears to be from dismissions and suspensions, and may be the lopping of dead limbs and the sifting down to a better basis level."

Thurston B. Duncan, Mexico, Grand High Priest.

William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Montana.

Chapters ... 15

Members ... 866

This Grand Chapter is now in its twelfth year, and "a swellin' wisely." At the outset, there is a "special notice" to Grand Secretaries.

"The Grand Chapter of Montana in 1893 abolished the system of exchanging Grand Representatives with other Grand Chapters, and respectfully declines to issue any further commissions."

Having found the above, we have made "a note on't" and bow meekly to this thundering fiat.

In the city of Great Falls, on September 18, 1900, the Eleventh Annual Convocation was held. M. E. Comp. Alfred Balmforth, Grand High Priest, according to a brief biography which accompanies his portrait,

"Engaged in the butchering business in Butte and has followed this line of trade very successfully to the present time.

"He is also a member of Algeria Temple Nobles of Mystic Shrine, having traversed the "hot sands" and given satisfactory evidence of his courage, constancy and charitable disposition, which have characterized him through life."

Notwithstanding his sanguinary occupation and the perils of his pastimes, his portrait reveals the lineaments of a mild and gentle Companion, and his address discovers an active and painstaking chief officer.

"If we have honestly endeavored to discharge the duties and obligations incumbent upon us to the best of our ability, then we may console ourselves with the fact that our work will stand the test of the Overseer's square, and in due time we shall be rewarded.

"It is not for me to say that you erred in judgment, but in accepting this position I did it with a determination to do as far as lay in my power everything to advance Capitular Masonry. My duties as Grand High Priest have not been arduous, yet much time and attention have been absorbed. I have discharged these duties to the full extent of my ability, with what measure of success I leave it with you to determine.

" "How soon this life is past and gone
And death comes softly stealing on."

His visitations were numerous and apparently satisfactory to himself and the Chapters.

New Mexico was accorded recognition.

A motion that the fees, in every instance, accompany the application for degrees, failed to secure the necessary two-thirds vote.

"Companion J. W. Freeman, on behalf of Great Falls Chapter No. 9, announced a dance for Thursday evening, after Grand Lodge meeting, and extended a cordial invitation to all delegates to be present."

The sum of a hundred dollars was voted to the sufferers by the Galveston disaster.

Companion Hedges, whose contempt for the scissors is only equalled by his marked ability in furnishing a wholly original review, again presents a unique and enjoyable Correspondence report. He gives to Canada a page and a half of his brain power. Referring to the Grand Z's allusions to the South African conflict, he says :

"Like our Civil War it is proving a much more costly and fatal affair than anticipated. No one seriously doubts that Great Britain

will win in the end, but the fearful cost of life and money gives cause to think that wiser counsel and forbearance might have prevented the catastrophe."

True. Alas, how true! If only forbearance had been exercised, what would it not have prevented? A tyrannous old man's vanity and ambition led him to issue an "ultimatum." Further, ill-advised, he carried desolation, dismay and death into the undefended homes of an unprotected, peaceful colony, and precipitated a terrible conflict, for which he alone is responsible. Had he but used tact and forbearance, he would now be enjoying the pipe of peace under his own vine and fig tree, instead of being an outcast and a wanderer, far from the land which he no doubt loved, "not wisely, but too well." The sacrifices have been appalling, but the end is being shaped by an All Wise hand.

" And this is England's trust,
The battle's throe is just ;
She fights for freedom with a tyrant race.
And this is Nature's plan—
For insect, beast and man,
Ever the lower, falser, yieldeth place.
And out of groans and tears and pain,
In God's good hour, we know, comes universal gain."

Companion Hedges seems to have sized up our nationality pretty accurately and so long as he didn't add the word "bore," we're satisfied.

"Ezra the Scribe, better known in modern parlance as Companion George J. Bennett, the Anglo-Irish-Canadian is the genial, witty, interesting writer of the Foreign Correspondence Report, which has entertained us for a good hour. If we missed Canada last year it was because Canada missed us. We never miss the Canadians intentionally. We have many of them with us and they are generally good men and Masons."

Who wouldn't forgive after a dose of blarney like that? Here is how he defends Montana's action in abolishing the Grand Representative system :

"As the author of the resolution doing away with the Grand Representative system in our Grand Chapter, we may say that it was expressly based upon the fact that our Grand Chapters are constituents of a General Grand Chapter, and we thought to it properly belonged the duty of handling foreign relations. We have learned something

since. Still, the General Grand Chapter was our mother and we are proud to be enrolled among those 'who never struck their mother.' As soldiers going into battle dispense with all baggage but ammunition, so we think Masonry, stripping for its work of charity, can well dispense with superfluities, among which Grand Representatives seem to us most superfluous."

By all means honor your mother. The filial sentiment is beautiful, but is it not an admission of subordination? You are certainly contributing to the support of your aged parent, but you reside in a house of your own and would probably be disinclined to obey if the old lady stepped in to aid in the housekeeping. The above looks like plain admission of dependence on the part of a "sovereign" body; in any case it is, to us, a weak defence of Montana's action.

W. E. Chamberlain, Great Falls, Grand High Priest.
Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nevada.

Chapters . . 7

Members . . 304

"It affords me pleasure to be able to state that Capitular Masonry is in a fairly prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony pervades our Jurisdiction; and the most pleasant and fraternal relationship exists between our own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. There has been an increase in our membership, and a marked improvement in business conditions throughout the State."

With these encouraging words Grand High Priest M. A. Murphy opened his address to the Companions of Nevada, at the Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation, held at Carson City, on the 10th June, 1901.

There was little before Grand Chapter, and that little was done well and not too expeditiously.

"My official duties have not been heavy during the year. I have not been called upon for any decision worthy of note; there have been no grievances, or appeals.

"I have no recommendations to offer. I think our laws, rules and regulations are sufficient in number and strength and can be readily comprehended by the Companions, and from the working of the several Chapters, and the conduct of the Companions, they seem to be well pleased with the condition of affairs."

After the ordinary reports, officers were elected, but it took a second day to have them installed. Western fair ones are invariably to the fore.

"A vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of Esther Chapter No. 121, O. E. S., for floral decorations of the hall and for a bountiful supply of boutonnieres."

Companion Bird submits his fifth report on Correspondence, and as dainty and fresh as its predecessors. He is generous as usual with Canada, and regret to note his concluding words:

"It was the pleasure of the Grand Master to appoint a new Chairman and we bow to his will, though we did feel hurt. Our efforts in Grand Chapter reports, we think, have been well received."

They were indeed, and while hoping for the best, shall miss Companion Bird's annual greeting.

William Sutherland, Virginia City, Grand High Priest.

C. N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick.

Chapters . . 9

Members . . 463

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of St. John, on the 28th August, 1901, with an average attendance.

M. E. Comp. John A. Watson, Grand High Priest, presided, and having referred in loyal terms to the death of Queen Victoria and expressed a welcome to King Edward, he turns to Grand Chapter matters.

"During the past year, I am rejoiced to be able to assure you that Capitular Masonry has gained strength and numbers in this Jurisdiction. To be sure the increase in numbers is not large, but *it is an increase*, and that is gratifying to us. As Past Grand High Priest Ellis remarked in his address in 1898, 'We cannot hope for a large membership in this Jurisdiction, for the field is too limited'; the fact, however, that we are adding to our number year by year is encouraging."

He referred touchingly to the deaths of V. E. Companion Augustus W. Reed, who was one of those intimately connected with the erection of Grand Chapter and R. E. Companion Edward Tweedie, who died at Moncton, N. B., a zealous and indefatigable worker in all branches of Masonry, especially in the ranks of the Royal Craft.

“During the year I have made official visitations to all the Chapters in my power. I regret that I could not cover all our territory, but my business this past year claimed a large amount of my time and deprived me of a great pleasure, that of officially visiting all the Chapters. I trust that my successor will be able to take up the thread where, I much regret, I had to break off.”

Yet he visited five out of the nine, so that his successor has not a too heavy burden to lift.

The Grand Secretary stated that correspondence has been had with the Grand Chapter of Ireland as to an interchange of representatives. That officer had also to register a complaint :

“When it is borne in mind that the Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction must necessarily give a great deal of time for very little remuneration—for it must be admitted that the compensation voted is very inadequate for the services performed—I think that the High Priests and Secretaries of subordinate Chapters can fairly be asked to pay more attention than they do to the forwarding of their returns promptly after the end of the year.”

In a jurisdiction of nine Chapters it should not be difficult to adjust matters.

A new form of Warrant was adopted, and it was also decided to increase the Grand Secretary's remuneration.

The committee on the address congratulated Grand Chapter on the inauguration of Sussex Chapter, and on the efficient manner in which the services connected with its consecration were carried out. “That Chapter will ever stand in our history as the first Chapter formed and constituted by this Grand Chapter.”

The Grand Secretary was directed to convey to R. E. Hon. Robert Marshall the regrets of Grand Chapter at his being unable to attend the Annual Convocation, accompanied by a hearty expression of the good will of Grand Chapter towards the absent Companion, and the hope of his speedy recovery from illness.

Alexander Burchill, Fredericton, Grand High Priest.
William Wallace, St. John, Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire.

Chapters . . 25

Members . . 3,669

In the city of Concord, on the 14th May, 1901, the Eighty-second Annual Convocation was auspiciously held. M. E. Companion Franklin A. Rawson, Grand High Priest, detailed his official acts in an address that was devoted strictly to business.

He covered the visitations assigned to him and was "royally received."

Questions were put to him for decision, that in most cases might have as easily been decided within the Chapters.

The work of visitation on the part of the other Grand officers was conscientiously performed.

"The R. E. Grand King in his report calls attention to the fact that a Chapter officially visited by him was in the habit of opening and transacting business without nine Royal Arch Companions being present. No Chapter can open in ample form, or in any other form, or transact business of any kind, unless the requisite number are present. High Priests should be so instructed by the visiting officers, as was undoubtedly done in this instance."

M. E. Companion A. S. Wait presents a report on Correspondence in his customary able and lucid manner. One is compelled to read him throughout, and although agreement on a few points is not within reaching distance, nevertheless, the perusal is always enjoyable. Under Ohio, we are with him on the subject of solicitation.

"We think that the matter of the solicitation of candidates stands on radically different grounds in the Chapter than in the Lodge. A person must seek admission to Masonry voluntarily in the strictest sense, without the solicitation of friends, and from his own unbiased opinion of the character and value of the institution. But, once having attained to membership, we suppose there can hardly be objection to the Brethren who have experienced the value and seen the beauties of the higher degrees, recommending them, in a judicious way, to those of the Brethren who have not yet attained to them."

For some unaccountable reason Canada's Proceedings had not reached his table.

Franklin A. Rawson, Newport, Grand High Priest.
Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.

Chapters . . 38

Members . . 3,559

The Deputy Grand High Priest presided over the Forty-Fifth Annual Convocation, at Trenton, on the 15th May, 1901; "important business" necessitating the absence of the chief ruler, M. E. Companion George C. Woolson.

New Jersey, like many of the jurisdictions this year, had very little in the way of interesting business before it on this occasion and the proceedings were comparatively tame.

New York sent a delegation of distinguished visitors, including its High Grand Priest, and the Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey was also accorded a welcome.

The Grand High Priest's address was read by his *locum tenens* :

"I can truly congratulate you upon the happy and prosperous year which has gone by, that no questions have arisen between this and other jurisdictions to disturb the harmony and good feeling which has prevailed. The condition of the Chapters has been generally prosperous; no trouble exists so far as I am aware. I trust that this condition may long continue."

Amen! to that. He adjusted a difficulty between two Chapters, growing out of a charge of "invasion," and granted the usual batch of waivers in favor of New York Chapters. Reciprocity in the waiver business creates no unpleasantness between these jurisdictions.

He received some Chapter contributions to be devoted to the Masonic sufferers by the disaster at Galveston.

"This money was forwarded as requested, and in due time I received acknowledgment from Companion Burdett of Texas, announcing that the money was sent to a very worthy Companion who lost his wife, house and everything except three little children. Ten months previous to the terrible disaster, I met this Companion in the city of Tampico, Mexico, and while there he showed me many Masonic courtesies, which to a stranger in a strange land were especially pleasant."

Bread cast upon the waters.—He made numerous visitations in the early part of his term, but circum-

stances interfered later to prevent him carrying out his intentions with regard to others.

Grand Secretary Edwards, whose portrait we gladly welcome in the Proceedings, was responsible for a very pleasing incident during the sitting. He addressed the Grand Chapter upon the subject of the Loving Cup presented to him by the Royal Craft of the jurisdiction on the occasion of the previous annual Convocation, and while expressing his desire to retain ownership of this special mark of esteem during his lifetime, stated that he wished to provide for its future by dedicating the gift to the Grand Chapter, as "The Royal Arch Loving Cup of New Jersey," the passing of which should be established as an ordinance at the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in renewal of Masonic friendship and perpetuation of loving memories. The bequest was accepted and the ordinance established.

With an alacrity as commendable as it was courteous, Grand Chapter was called from labour, and the ordinance of the passing of "The Royal Arch Loving Cup of New Jersey" was inaugurated at "High Twelve."

There is no mention of the vintage, but we presume it was worthy of the Cup. It is presumed that the new Grand High Priest, whose name by the way is appropriately Grosscup, will see to it, at "High Twelve" next Convocation, that the "ordinance" will not be omitted.

Companion Belcher again reports on Correspondence and performs the duty with the ability foreshadowed in his previous effort. Dealing with Canada for 1891, he again notes the absence of New Jersey's representative. His two pages of review are fraternally couched.

William H. Grosscup, Camden, Grand High Priest.
George B. Edwards, Jersey City, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico.

Chapters .. 10

Members .. 448

For the first time receipt is acknowledged of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, which is now in the

fourth year of its existence and doing well apparently. Indeed it makes a higher showing numerically than some Grand Chapters six times its age. Launched under the smiling approbation of General Grand Chapter, recognition was soon accorded by the other constituents of that august body, and it is now a thriving member of a large and influential family.

The Third Annual Convocation was held in the hall of the Rio Grande Chapter, No. 4, in the City of Albuquerque, on Wednesday, October 17, 1900.

Nine pages of the volume are devoted to Grand High Priest John W. Poe's address.

"During the past year nothing has occurred to mar the fraternal relations existing between this and sister jurisdictions. Harmony and peace seem to prevail in our jurisdiction, and so far as I am able to judge from information at hand, the Royal Craft of New Mexico is making healthy progress, and as time passes is becoming more and more firmly established."

At the outset of his term there were nine Chapters, and in January he issued a dispensation to certain Companions living in and near the town of Clayton, N. M., for the formation of a new Chapter at that place, to be known as Washington Chapter, which was instituted by a proxy for the G. H. P. later on.

He refused a dispensation authorizing a Chapter to reduce the fee for the degrees from fifty to twenty-five dollars, for "the next twelve months," the petition urging that such had been the custom in the Chapter for the past few years, and that the effect had been "most salutary to the growth of the institution."

He ruled in favor of "one" substitute only in the R. A. degree, basing his decision on the General Grand's Digest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, during the temporary absence of his chief, received a communication from the High Priest of a Chapter asking, whether or not a Companion who had received in a foreign jurisdiction all the Chapter degrees except that of _____ Master, could visit a Chapter in this jurisdiction. He decided that he could not without first being "healed."

Is not that word out of place? It cannot consis-

tently be applied to a Companion owning allegiance to a recognized Grand Chapter. If however the visitor hailed from a clandestine body and desired affiliation, the "healing" process is understood. The General Grand Chapter has wisely provided that a visiting Companion lacking one or more of the subordinate degrees can have the same communicated to him, prior to entering the Chapter, but that is not known as being "healed."

The financial statement showed a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of nearly \$500.

The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge receipt of Proceedings from some fifteen Grand Chapters.

"We may infer from their receipt that the Grand Chapters from which they emanate take this means of calling our attention to the fact that they have received the notification of our formation and at the proper time they will take such formal action as may be considered proper under the circumstances. I have not deemed it advisable to make any extended review of the few Proceedings at hand, and at the conclusion of this report I only make extracts from those where our existence is noted in any way. As the new-comer into the bright gatherings of the sisterhood of the Grand Chapters, we pause at the threshold, quietly waiting for a welcome from our older sisters, without which we cannot help but feel a little out of place; the welcome is slow in coming but no doubt its heartiness will be doubly increased by the delay."

A resolution to reduce the minimum fee to twenty-five dollars was referred to the Finance Committee, two of whom favoured it, but the third dissented. On presentation to Grand Chapter the minority report was sustained.

A resolution however on behalf of two Chapters, for permission to confer the degrees for the sum of twenty-five dollars was granted, said permission to cease August 31st, 1901. The circumstances were claimed to be exceptional.

Grand Chapter was mindful of its mission, for it was resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be directed to place one hundred dollars on interest in one of the banking institutions of the territory, on account of Charity Fund.

Eugene Cosgrove, Roswell, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New York.

Chapters .. 192

Members .. 22,204

There was the customary large and interested attendance at the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation, held at Albany on the 5th February, 1901.

“A general review of the work of this Grand Chapter for the past year, offers much encouragement; everywhere appears evidence of prosperity, and in many Chapters a very material increase in membership. In my home Chapter—Hamilton—we are proud to record an increase of 97, making a total membership of 816. It is a matter for mutual congratulation that a year of harmony and of satisfactory progress is recorded in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry, in this Grand Jurisdiction.”

M. E. Companion Joseph A. Crane presided over a magnificent Grand Chapter, and it would appear that his private Chapter in Rochester was desirous of doing something in recognition of the honor done to one of its members. Nearly one hundred exaltations in a year, is a notable record.

Two Past Grand High Priests had passed away and he paid eloquent tribute to both. M. E. Companions Richard H. Huntington and David F. Day had made their mark in Masonic circles and will be gratefully remembered.

Referring to the numerous requests for decisions received by him, he pertinently says:

“It is as important to become familiar with the laws governing your Chapters as it is to familiarize yourselves with the work of conferring degrees. While it has been a pleasure to answer all questions asked, yet many of the questions submitted were clearly and plainly answered by the Constitution.”

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer were mainly of local interest only, but all displayed a strict devotion to duty.

Among the visitors was Comp. The Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, Lieutenant-Governor of the State.

Comp. Woodruff was introduced into the Grand Chapter, escorted by M. E. Frederick E. Barnes, Past

Grand High Priest; was heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest in a felicitous address, to which a happy response was made by the honored visitor, expressing the pleasure he felt in meeting so many of the representatives of the Chapters throughout the State, and lauding Masonry as an incentive to the practice, among its votaries, as an example to all men of morality and brotherly love.

R. E. and Rev. James Byron Murray delivered his annual address—his theme: "Masonry, a Structure of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty,"—a paper quite up to the standard of this gifted Companion's former contributions to Masonic literature.

Comp. William J. McDonald offered the following which was adopted:

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, convened in Annual Convocation, on the sixth day of February, A.D. 1901, deeply impressed by the great loss Christendom has sustained in the recent death of Queen Victoria, and desirous of testifying its high estimate of her life and character, and of expressing its sympathy with King Edward VII. and the Royal Family of England, in their great bereavement—

"Resolves unanimously: 'That the Grand Chapter put upon its records, the expression of its profound sorrow for the death of Queen Victoria, whose long reign, not only over her lawful subjects, but in human hearts throughout the world, has in all the relations in which she stood to her people and to her immediate family, whether as Wife, Mother or Sovereign, compelled the love and esteem of the people of all lands; and, honored and revered above all others of the same rank, for her kindly disposition, her womanly virtues and her wise counsel in state affairs; her memory will be treasured by posterity for all time, as that of a ruler who sought to maintain justice, to modify the cruelties of war, and to establish peace in all the earth.

"That the sincere sympathy of the members of this Grand Chapter is feelingly tendered to His Majesty, King Edward VII., and the Royal Family of England, for the great loss all have sustained in the death of Mother and Sovereign."

Comp. William Parmenter Martin, High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, presented to the Grand Chapter a copy of the centennial history of his Chapter, and in the course of his address said:

"You will find, upon reading it, that we have had on our rolls the names of Marquis de La Fayette, six Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of New York, four of the Grand Council, three Grand Comman-

ders, one General High Grand Priest of the United States, and many of those who have held important offices in all of the Grand Bodies of this state. Seven companions who have been of our membership at one time or another in their careers, have received your approval, and have been elected to preside over this Grand Chapter, and one was elected to preside over the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, thus we have eight Grand High Priests."

The veteran Companion Geo. J. Gardner still vigorously wields the reportorial quill and we trust he may long be spared to the duty. He had Canada for 1900 under his careful and painstaking consideration, and commenting on the Grand Z's address, kindly says :

"His complimentary remarks regarding the Grand Scribe E. will we think, be heartily echoed by all who are acquainted with that officer, either personally or by reputation."

Of the Grand Superintendent's work, he says :

"The Reports of the Grand Superintendents are always an interesting feature of the volume of Proceedings. Did space permit we could select many passages therefrom which would prove of great interest to our readers, coming as they do, from the far-off northern districts of Manitoba, British Columbia, etc. These reports cover over fifty pages, and are replete with incidents of an extended varied nature, characteristic of that region."

In his conclusion we find the following, which fairly describes the situation :

"About all the old vexed questions of matters upon which doctors disagreed have been obliterated. Some of the disputants have passed over to that country where controversies never arise, others have become weary with a paper contest and have laid aside the provoking pen, satisfied that life is too short to spend it in strife and contention."

"In our last report we called attention to the great relief furnished the Grand High Priests in being appealed to for decisions. The number of such instances is still diminishing, and we hope for their sakes it will so continue. If those applying for these decisions would for a moment think of the cares and responsibilities resting upon these officers they would seek to relieve rather than add to these burdens. Masonic legislation has become so extended that scarcely a question can arise but that a parallel case may be found already adjudicated upon as authority. Bear this in mind, my Companions. Consult the authorities before annoying your executive, and you will receive his thanks as well as the self-satisfaction of having gained the information sought without taxing other brains."

J. Harris Balston, New York, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

North Carolina.

Chapters .. 19

Members ... 797

An increase of ten from last year. That is not heavy, but it is on the right side.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, convened in its Fifty-third Annual Convocation, in the hall of Chorazin Chapter No. 13, in the City of Greensboro, May 14th, 1901.

"We are glad to meet in this progressive city, just now so full of life and vigor. May we catch some of the spirit of its progress and feel the influence of its thrift and energy, and may our deliberation in this, our first Convocation of the new Century, result in the up-building of Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction."

Thus did M. E. Companion Jas. K. Norfleet, Grand High Priest, open a brief address covering his official acts.

He failed not to pay tribute to the worth of one whose passing was a severe blow to Grand Chapter, Past Grand High Priest Horace H. Munson, who was also Grand Secretary.

"For him the laborer's task is o'er,
For him the battle day is past."

He refused dispensation to allow a Chapter to elect as High Priest a Companion who had not filled the stations of King and Scribe, finding no law or precedent that would warrant it.

He reported that the increased *per capita* had brought Grand Chapter out of debt, and opportunely recommended recognition of the services of the Correspondence Chairman, which we were pleased to note was acted upon.

Companion Southgate's work as a reviewer is worthy of all praise and his labours have been none the less earnest because his reward was solely "love."

DeWitt E. Allen, Charlotte, Grand High Priest.

James C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota.

Chapters .. 13

Members .. 1,025

Not a ponderous volume this, but no doubt interesting to the Companions of this young jurisdiction. There are a little over three score pages, and a half-tone of Grand High Priest DeWitt C. Moore, which is a credit to the artist.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Fargo, on the 30th June, 1901. The business for the year did not call for anything startling from the G. H. P., whose address was confined to his few official acts.

One of these was to determine a question of jurisdiction handed over to him from the previous regime. A brother who was elected to the high office of Secretary of State, became of course an official sojourner at the capital, Bismarck, and the Chapter there accepted his application for the Capitular degrees. To this action the Chapter nearest his home vigorously objected. The G. H. P. had to decide upon the distinction sought to be made between a man's actual and official residence, and, believing that a man's Masonic home is where he resides with his family, where his business is located, and where he claims and exercises the rights of citizenship, he ruled against the Chapter accepting the application, and recommended that the fees be paid over to the objecting Chapter.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved and went him one better :

"And we further recommend that Comp. Falley be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry until he shall have purged himself for the contempt, as shown in his communication, to the Grand High Priest."

Being Secretary of State didn't count for much there.

"The subordinate Chapters throughout this Jurisdiction are well officered and in good hands is proven by the fact that no questions have been submitted for me to pass upon."

The Grand Secretary's report regretted the small increase in membership, twenty-one, which that officer attributed to hard times. As usual the report had much to say about the "cards" and "trays" system which appears to have entailed some labour on the office.

Nearly four hundred dollars were spent on the "finishings" of the Grand Secretary's office.

A gallant Companion moved the following motion, which of course was carried unanimously:

"That this Grand Chapter exchange its place of meeting with the Grand Chapter Eastern Star on account of their attendance being large and our attendance being small."

Then another obliging Companion moved, and was duly rewarded by being appointed one of the happy couple.

"That a Committee be appointed to notify the Grand Chapter Eastern Star of the action of this Grand Chapter."

"The Grand High Priest appointed M. E. Companion Francis Ingalls and R. E. George H. Keys, on account of their peculiar fitness to deal with the ladies, and which fitness being duly appreciated by the members present, the appointment was received with applause."

That Committee should have returned and related all the sweetly pretty things said of the Companions who were "so nice," but apparently they decided not to share the enjoyment which was just enough for two. Before closing—

"The Grand Secretary, in words chosen for the occasion, presented a beautiful golden and jewelled Grand High Priest medal to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion DeWitt C. Moore, who, notwithstanding his utter surprise and astonishment, was able, in a few short words, faintly to express the feelings which pervaded the inner vails of his soul."

The good Grand Secretary should not forget that sudden shocks like that occasionally have a distressing effect on the "inner vails" of the body. Fortunately the recipient on this occasion was a man of large build and strong constitution, but even then we cordially sympathise with him in his "utter surprise and astonishment."

Fred. D. Aplin, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Ohio.

Chapters .. 149

Members .. 16,228

A net gain of 716, being 353 more than the previous year and "greater than that of any year in the history of this Grand Chapter."

Such was the gratifying report of the Grand Secretary to the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation at Columbus, on the 10th of October, 1900.

M. E. Companion O. P. Sperra, Grand High Priest presided, and congratulated the Companions on the prosperity of Grand Chapter.

"Again we are inspired with the knowledge that in many prosperous communities where Capitular Masonry has become dormant and almost wholly inoperative, new life and zeal have been infused, the cobwebs and dust cleared away, and a healthy growth succeeding the rust and decay."

He urged the revision of Ohio's Code, as many Chapters had applied for dispensations where such were not necessary.

"The habit of proselyting or soliciting members to a Masonic body is a dangerous one, and if practiced at all should be tempered with much discretion and prudence. Membership to Masonry in all its branches, and particularly the Chapter, should be prompted, in the first instance, by a favorable conception of the Order from its position and work in the community. The individual member could much better devote his time and energy to the building up of the Chapter itself, and that when earnestly and well done, will prompt membership without solicitation."

There are many who will disagree with the above so far as the Royal Arch is concerned. He visited frequently and always upon invitation.

"I am convinced that nothing is more conducive to good work and the cultivation of a proper feeling among the Companions than visitations made by the principal officer of this Grand Body."

To many in Canada who know the recipient so well, the following will be read with pleasure:

"In accordance with the resolution of your Grand Body, through the Grand Secretary I procured a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, and

on the 7th day of November, 1899, in Thatcher Chapter, in the city of Cleveland, I presented same to Past Grand High Priest Brenton D. Babcock. It was a memorable occasion to me when I presented to one of my staunchest friends, and to one of the best men I ever knew, a jewel in recognition of services done in your behalf."

The report from the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home showed a total of 138 inmates.

The Chairman of the Grievance Committee was pleased to report that his committee had had no matters before them and no duties to perform.

Comp. S. Stacker Williams, who we were pleased to note was present, announced that for a lifetime he had been collecting a Masonic library, and that he had presented it to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, or rather to the Masons of Ohio, and asked that the Grand Chapter assist in binding the very many Grand Chapter reports in that library, and moved that the question of an appropriation for that purpose be referred to the Committee on Accounts and Finance, and that whatever the Grand Chapter may give may be used by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge. A committee of three was appointed to carry out his wish.

Companion Williams, whose paralysis still afflicts him, and whose work is necessarily handicapped in consequence, continues the Correspondence report, and it is our fervent prayer that he may long be spared to that pleasant duty. Notwithstanding his difficulties his report is as vigorous and interesting as of yore.

He naturally stays with Maine for a time and breaks a lance with Companion Drummond, who had stated his emphatic belief that Thomas Smith Webb had never written the work. Companion Williams rejoins :

"Companion Drummond may believe it or not, as he chooses. There are many things he does not believe, and we are unable to help his belief. If Companion Drummond will come to Newark we will show him a complete copy of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple, written in full and spelled as well as Companion Drummond or we can spell, in the handwriting of Thomas Smith Webb. We have also here five or six original letters in this same hand, and other evidences of its genuineness ; but we will not undertake to make Companion Drummond believe it."

Among these veterans of the Guild, there is in controversy a positiveness truly refreshing, and as one peruses their well presented statements on various topics under discussion, a smile is provoked for the reason that once the serried columns of argument are lined up for the fray, the respective commanders are there to die in their defence, for in the bright lexicon of the reviewer there is no such word as "surrender."

The process of reaching after conviction reminds one of the school-boy's account of the three creeds:—"First they made the Apostles' Creed, but nobody believed that. Then they made the Nicene Creed, and nobody believed that. Then, sir, Athanasius made a Creed, and you must believe that, because it says you'll go to hell if you don't."

By the way, it strikes one as singular that certain captious reviewers have not yet observed a glaring blot in Ohio's Proceedings. Initials only are used in recording the names of leading grand officers.

Companion Williams gives to Canada for 1900, over four of his valuable pages. Noticing the abortive effort to restore the minimum fee, he says :

"Too bad ! If they get that section amended, charging a reasonable amount for the degrees, they will probably know enough to keep it there."

He is kindly disposed to the reviewer and quotes generously.

"While Comp. Geo. J. Bennett is a new Secretary, he is well known to us as one of the best correspondents in the guild. He comes forward in that capacity this time and gives us a very beautiful introduction. We copy it."

Wm. M. Cunningham, Newark, Grand High Priest.
Edwin Hagenbach, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

Oregon.

Chapters .. 25

Members .. 1,509

Opening the volume of Proceedings, the portrait of Orlando Orville Hodson, M. E. Grand High Priest, is discovered. The exalted Companion appears wearing a peaceful expression and a Shrine button. The latter, by the way, is in evidence in the majority of similar portraits and indicates that Royal Arch rulers are not indisposed to

“ A little nonsense now and then.”

There is no trace of it, however, in the address of the Grand High Priest to the Companions at the Forty-first Annual Convocation, held at Portland, on the 10th June, 1901.

“ For more than the space of a generation have we and our fathers been laboring upon our mystic temple, without hope of fee or reward, save such as come from the consciousness of duties well performed ; and as we again exchange fraternal greetings, gathered around our sacred altar, let us return thanks to the Author of all that is, and renew our vows of constancy to the fundamental principles of right, taught under the shadow of the Royal Arch. As the faithful sojourners came from the distant lands of Babylon, seeking to aid their kinsmen in their great and glorious undertaking of rebuilding their city and temple, so, I trust, all of you, whether from near or remote, are animated by the same spirit toward the discovery and promulgation of the eternal principles of truth.”

Unlike other jurisdictions whose memberships are reported as exhibiting a rare knowledge of law and constitution, he had “ been called upon many times to answer questions in relation to the administration of Chapter affairs.”

“ Regarding the reception of the petition of a saloon-keeper : I know of no law in this Grand Jurisdiction upon this subject, but am of the opinion that there should be, as I do not see how any Mason can keep a saloon and retain his good standing in any Lodge in Oregon, as the Grand Lodge has ruled against it and it should be enforced.”

He does not say whether that ruling dealt with brethren who patronize the saloon-keeper, and who, we should imagine, are equally culpable.

The committee in which is centred the wisdom of Grand Chapter, reported on the above.

“*Resolved*,—That upon all questions of Masonic law and usage, when the Grand Chapter has no direct legislation, the Masonic law or usage of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction applicable to such case shall govern.”

M. E. Companion J. M. Hodson presented his usual cheery and instructive report on Correspondence, which Oregon Companions no doubt perused as we did, from beginning to end with pleasure.

To Canada for '91 he gives nearly three pages, most of that in an amusing but laborious effort to climb over some cold facts to which we treated him in our last review.

“Companion George J. Bennett presented another of his rattling good reports on Correspondence. Oregon for 1900 is courteously treated, our proceedings complimented, and our remarks concerning the O. E. S. answered by a page of newspaper gossip about the sisters of New York squabbling over the election of their Grand Matron. Ha! ha! Suppose they did kick the ballot-box down the elevator shaft, and have a ‘hot time in the old town,’ that cuts no ice on the question of either the beauty of the work of the order or its benefits as a helper in the field of Masonic charity. That a few of those high steppers stepped too high we admit; but we have known private ambitions of ‘big Masons’ to interfere with the work of the Lodge and disgrace the fraternity in the eyes of the profane.”

Not newspaper gossip, Companion, but newspaper report of disgraceful occurrences revealed to the world through the medium of a court of justice. One is inclined to doubt “the beauty of the work” as a means to inculcating the principle of “charity,” after such disclosures. The above light and airy disposition of the matter will perhaps satisfy Companion Hodson, but, to use his own choice vernacular, “it cuts no ice” with those who deplore the tendency to encourage barnacles on the old Craft.

“His quotation from the ‘Pacific Mason’ regarding the so-called higher degrees is all well enough; it only shows that either the writer never received those degrees, or he has not comprehension wide enough to appreciate their philosophical sublimity.”

There it is again. Probably the writer’s comprehension was equally at fault in not appreciating the “philosophical sublimity” in the New York incident already referred to.

“There are many who do not appreciate either the P. M. or M. E. M. degrees, but we all know a very large majority of the Royal Arch Masons of the world have and appreciate them, the English Royal Archers and the ‘Pacific Mason’ to the contrary notwithstanding. The M. E. M. is probably of comparatively modern origin, but the Royal Arch cannot compete in age with the P. M., either by history or tradition, and the Royal and Select degrees are as essential to the Masonic education of the seeker after knowledge as correct orthography to a proofreader. We will stake our reputation as a guesser that neither Companion Bennett nor the editor of the ‘Pacific Mason’ could tell to save their lives why there are only four of the virtues singled out as cardinal. Why more than three? Why not five, six or seven? Or why they refer to the parts of the human body they do. Yet they write derogatorily of the ‘philosophers’ of the higher degrees, and wish to cut off a few. Go to, brethren, and think a while.”

The only argumentative episode that we can call to mind which is at all comparable with the above “settler”—was the wordy encounter between Daniel O’Connell and the Irish fishwife, who enjoyed the reputation of silencing all opponents until she met the famous lawyer. Having drawn her out over the price of a fish, until she was in her best abusive mood, he replied to one of her choicest epithets by declaring that she was no better than an isosceles triangle. This fairly maddened her and he quickly followed up the advantage by applying a string of innocent mathematical terms to her appearance and conduct, until, speechless with rage, she grasped a saucepan and flung it at her tormentor, who retired with the parting shot that she was nothing but an irascible hypotenuse, or something equally harmless.

Now when Companion Hodson started in to assail the “Pacific Mason,” he displayed a singular lack of prudence. He stepped away from the strict path when he ventured to propound conundrums, thereby imperiling his reputation for fortitude. The absence of justice is apparent in the endeavour to cover his tracks by introducing something foreign to the matter in hand, and the entire extract bears such evidence of haste, as to convey the impression that it was not written with the good Companion’s usual temperate care.

And yet we believe that underneath his vest beats a heart responsive, not only to the primary virtues with which we are familiar, in name at all events, but

to the many others which hinge upon those four and which all good Masons emulate.

Hear his conclusion :

“More than 10,000 pages of all sorts of specimens have been examined in the preparation of this report, and it has been our most earnest effort to select only that which represented the eternal spirit of truth for reproduction. Of the transactions of the various Grand Chapters, we can truthfully say that in our time there has never been a year in which more perfect unity of thought and action prevailed, not a ripple on the surface, and only the steady swell of determined action to know and do the right has dominated the Capitular world. As the years go by the conviction deepens that ours is a system of philosophy, a species of government, a class of education, in all respects calculated to promote the peace and happiness of mankind, not merely a combination for jollity and sociability. but to convey the most profound impressions and teach the most fundamental truths. In this spirit, Companions, let us all enter the sanctum sanctorum at each high twelve, and see if anything can be added to strengthen, beautify or adorn our Masonic lives, draw our designs upon the trestle-board, and see to it that these designs are perfectly reproduced in the completed Temple.”

Henry B. Thielson, Salem, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania.

Chapters .. 123

Members .. 18,419

At the March quarterly communication the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death of Grand Chaplain Companion Rev. Thomas B. Angell, D.D., and directed the reading of the following memorial :

“THE REV. THOMAS BARHAM ANGELL, D.D.

Born in London, England, October 20, 1859.

Came to Canada at the age of 18.

Educated at Trinity College, Toronto.

Received from the same institution, upon examination, the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1893, and the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1897.

Took holy orders and was ordained Deacon July 20, 1884, and Priest July 26, 1885, by the Rt. Rev. Arthur Sweatman, D.D., Bishop of Toronto. Served first as Missionary at Haliburton, and then as Curate of St. John's Church, Peterboro'.

From 1886 to 1888 served as Assistant at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

From 1888 to 1900 was Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

January 3, 1900, removed to Wilmington, Del., to assume the Rectorship of St. Andrew's Church ; was taken with pneumonia, January 5th, and died early Jan. 18th. Was buried Jan. 20, 1900, in the Harrisburg Cemetery.

A widow and two young children survive him.

Was Assistant Secretary of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania for a number of years, and a member of the Standing Committee of the same Diocese. For several years was Archdeacon of the Harrisburg Archdeaconry.

Was elected Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Chaplain of the Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa., in 1897, but declined.

Was initiated in Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough, Canada, January 6, 1886, passed February 17, 1886, and raised July 27, 1886.

Admitted to Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg, January 11, 1889, served as Chaplain for several years.

Was a member of Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21, Harrisburg, having received the M. M. M. Degree November 4, the M. E. M. December 2, and the R. A. M. December 12, 1895.

Was knighted February 4, 1897, in Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, K. T., at Harrisburg, and was its Prelate at the time of his death.

Was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., 1893-99, inclusive, and at the time of his death was Grand Chaplain of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania "

A committee of five was appointed to design a suitable jewel to be presented to the eleven surviving Past Grand High Priests.

At the June quarterly the design was submitted and adopted.

" The Jewel is a circle of gold, on which rests a golden Triangle, at each angle of which is a seven-pointed Star, typifying the Hebrew perfect number seven, incapable of division except by a unit. Upon the Triangle rests a Breast-plate of gold, typical of that worn by the High Priest when officiating in the Temple. The Breast-plate to contain fac-similes of the precious gems representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

" The Jewel is suspended by a gold ring from a Mitre of gold and white enamel, copied from that worn by the Hebrew High Priest when serving in high office in the Temple.

" The Jewel is made of heavy 18kt. gold. The edges of the Circle and Triangle are raised, and the stars of gold in relief. All the stones in the Breast-plate are faceted. The Mitre is of white enamel to represent silk or linen. The workmanship is of the very highest character in every detail. The price for the Jewels, including leather case and engraving name, etc., on the back, and nine small diamonds in the base of the Mitre, is one hundred dollars each."

Seventeen Companions at Connellsville petitioned for a new Chapter.

At the September quarterly the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death, on August 8, 1900, of Companion J. Simpson Africa, a member of the Committee on Correspondence, and Representative of the Grand Chapter of California.

A communication was read from Companion William James Hughan, Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Mark Lodge of England, directing attention to a paragraph in the Correspondence report which dealt with English proceedings. The paragraph referred to was as follows:

“We have a piece of news for Bro. Hughan. The records of the Grand Lodge of England show that the Grand Master was re-elected April 26, 1882, and that he was re-installed.”

To this Bro. Hughan replies:

“I have before me the official report of that meeting. The late Earl o Lathom was in the chair, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was *proclaimed* Grand Master, as usual, *but not being present was not installed*. The Report relied on by Comp. Henderson is erroneous, so that the *news* is not correct. The fact is, unless the largest hall in London was engaged for the purpose, an ordinary meeting, *if the Grand Master was previously announced as intending to be present*, would not contain the brethren. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales however, every now and then attends special meetings of the Fraternity, more or less private or unannounced, and, as the Grand Secretary will confirm, he takes a great interest in all that concerns the welfare at home and abroad. Were it convenient, however, undoubtedly Grand Masters, as other Dignitaries, should be installed annually.”

At the December quarterly the officers were elected, and it is nereby noted that the three principal officers, together with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, are dubbed “Most Excellent,” a title which we have ever been taught should of right belong to but one, viz., the chief ruler, and by courtesy to those who preceded him in that office. It appears a little anomalous to apply it to four officers who may not have reached that exalted station; but then Pennsylvania is a law unto itself.

On December 27th, 1900, the Annual Grand Communication was held in Philadelphia, when those officers were installed.

Grand High Priest Michael William Jacobs congratulated Grand Chapter that one Chapter had been

added to the list and the annual healthy increase of about 500 Royal Arch Masons, which has prevailed for some years past, had been kept up.

Among his decisions the following is found :

“The Ark used in the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason, being a representation of the Ark of the Covenant described in Exodus xxxvii., must be gilded within and without, with gilded rings and staves, and cannot be white.”

The eleven Past Grand High Priests' jewels were presented, and M. E. Companion Samuel C. Perkins, who filled the chair over thirty years previously, responded on behalf of himself and the other veterans.

The incoming Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Edward B. Spencer, delivered a most interesting address, in which the following passage occurs :

“Guard the sacred foundations by learning and inculcating their value. Be familiar with the ritual; for, in this jurisdiction especially, it has the true savor of antiquity. It has been said: ‘Our Grand Chapter may pride itself upon being the custodian of the true and ancient work, pure and simple.’ It is the testimony of Past Grand High Priest Companion C. Perkins after visiting the Grand Chapter of England, and exemplifying to the Companions there the work as practised by us, that they admitted that *that* work ‘is the ancient work as it had been formerly understood and practised by the Craft in England.’

“He adds, ‘That work has been preserved by the care of this Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania unimproved upon and without modern innovation.’”

M. E. Companion M. H. Henderson has a lengthy and instructive introduction to the valuable report on Correspondence. Companion Chambers, of Quebec, had drawn attention to an apparent inconsistency on the part of Pennsylvania in its reasons for non-recognition of New Zealand.

“Concerning our reasons for declining to recognize New Zealand, the one alleging lack of further information he pronounces quite sufficient, but that the other, viz., that it had not the allegiance of all the Chapters in its territory, is not in accordance with precedents established by our Grand Chapter, or with our statement that Masonry in Pennsylvania does not change. He characterizes our statement that a so-called Supreme Masonic Body which has not the allegiance of all the bodies in its territory, is not entitled to recognition as such, as extraordinary, and says this remarkable contention is not in keeping with the past policy of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania; that if it was, the Grand Chapter of Quebec would never have been recognized

by us. He cannot approve our action without assuming that we have erred in the past and that Quebec is not entitled to the recognition it enjoys at the hands of her sister Grand Chapters.

"The foregoing is a fair synopsis of Companion Chambers' criticism of our action, and we think we can answer him in few words.

"The fact that Quebec has not the allegiance of all the Chapters in her territory is not news to us; we have known it ever since we have given attention to such matters, but have refrained from mentioning it because the subject is not a pleasant one. It is nothing to the credit of any Grand Chapter, and if we were Companion Chambers we would say as little about it as possible. Disagreeable family matters are best avoided.

"The Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania about twenty-two years ago, long before our present Committee had anything to do with such questions and before most of us were active in Grand Chapter affairs. We found it here and have quietly let it remain."

Companion Henderson, not content with setting forth his own position as above, must needs exhibit that of Companion Chambers and the Grand Chapter of Quebec, as viewed from Philadelphia. It will be interesting to note the latter's attitude, in face of the implied threat conveyed in the closing remarks.

"In closing the subject let us remind Companion Chambers of this wholesome truth: That because the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania may have committed an error in recognizing the Grand Chapter of Quebec, it would not be justified in repeating the error by recognizing the Grand Chapter of New Zealand; and we would also remind him that it is not too late to rectify any mistake we may have made in the case of Quebec. He does not say we were wrong in refusing recognition to New Zealand, but that he cannot say we were right, without acknowledging that his own Grand Chapter has no right to the place she occupies among regular Grand Chapters."

To Canada, for 1900, he gives a couple of pages of fraternal review.

Edward B. Spencer, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Charles Carey, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec.

Chapters . . 11

Members . . 590

Neat and accurate as usual, the volume recording the Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation, held at Montreal on 29th January, 1901, is as welcome as it is interesting.

M. E. Companion H. Leroy Fuller, Grand Z., congratulated the Companions on the quiet, steady progress of Capitular Masonry.

“Owing to our peculiar surroundings, we may not look forward to any sudden accession of membership, contenting ourselves, as we slowly advance, that we are quietly but steadily planting the principles of our Royal Craft in this Province.

“The war cloud hanging over South Africa, which was so dire at our last convocation, has lightened considerably, and I hope before we meet again it may have entirely disappeared, and truly thankful are we that so few members of the Craft, among so many that went out, have lost their lives during their gallant service for the Flag and Empire.

“Although we have none to mourn for in this province, yet, we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones of our other sister jurisdictions. We also extend a hearty welcome to the returned heroes.”

He paid tribute to the memory of M. E. Comp. Frank Edgar, who, though in delicate health, died rather unexpectedly on the 25th of November, 1900, after a brief illness. He assisted in the formation and was the third elected Grand First Principal Z. of Grand Chapter.

He granted permission to the first Principal of Carnarvon Chapter to exemplify some of the various Capitular degrees as worked some forty or more years ago.

“This permission I readily gave, as Grand Chapter decided at last session to appoint a committee to take up the question of “Work” for this jurisdiction, and I felt it was a good opportunity to study the differences or changes in work during the latter half of this century.”

The Grand Superintendent of the Montreal District witnessed the work referred to :

“On December 14th last I visited Carnarvon Chapter to witness the work of the Most Excellent Master's Degree as per the old Nova Scotia Ritual, and if such work was carried on regularly it would do more to advance Capitular Masonry in this Province than anything I know of. There was a very large attendance and thirty members were specially detailed to perform the work.”

The Committee, on this and similar reports said :

“We take it that the Montreal Superintendent in referring to the Nova Scotia ritual, commented more upon the efficiency of the work, than in passing an opinion on the merits of the different rituals, and

while we commend the officers referred to for their ability and perseverance in getting up the work from an outside source, we think, that if furnished with an extended ritual of our own for the degree of M. E. M. equally as good results would be obtained. This emphasizes the remarks of the Most Ex. the Grand Z. in reference to a committee being formed for the purpose of taking this matter of a ritual in hand."

M. E. Companion Chambers furnishes a 65 page report on Correspondence which is a *multum in parvo*. It embraces every jurisdiction on the Continent and the gems of each are carefully culled.

Referring, under Canada for 1900, to the reviewer's remarks on the too apparent tendency to dwell upon non-essentials, he says :

"And so it is in our Chapters and Lodges. If one fraction of the time and trouble that is expended over the mint and anise and cumin of Masonry were devoted to its teachings, and to the study and the propagation of the morality and the charity that it inculcates, there would be no limit to the grand results that would ensue."

And among the objectionables is the ever present discussion on "substitutes," whether one or two or none. We are quite with him in his view of it.

"Whether the workers in the quarries are all candidates, or whether substitutes are employed in the work together with one or more candidates, we cannot see that the effect upon the latter is in any way changed."

Geo. O. Stanton, Montreal, Grand Z.

Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

South Dakota.

Chapters . . 28

Members . . 1,637

In the city of Sioux Falls the Twelfth Annual Convocation assembled on the 13th June, 1901, with a most creditable attendance.

Martin G. Carlisle, M. E. Grand High Priest, had little to do during the year and did it well.

"It is with great regret that I am obliged to offer a report showing such a limited performance of official duties. The business of this work-a-day world has almost o'erwhelmed your Grand High Priest, much to the detriment of the work intrusted him at your hands."

He granted a dispensation for a Chapter at Spearfish, which was appropriately named "Lookout."

Feelingly he referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest Samuel J. Coyne, which occurred in the preceding January.

He was unable to attend the General Grand and forgot, apparently, where it met. He feared too that South Dakota was unrepresented.

He informally visited Brookings Chapter, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, but was obliged to decline all other invitations, and hence had no official visitations to report.

The R. E. Grand Lecturer did good work among the Chapters, but more is required.

"The great trouble with most of the Chapters I find to be a lack of qualified workers. Nearly all have from two to six (in some cases more) active, well informed Companions who are ready and willing to do all in their power to advance the interests of Capitular Masonry. But there is an indifference manifested by many. Very few Chapters are well qualified to confer the degrees in that impressive manner calculated to make a deep and lasting impression upon the candidate, and to fix the beauty of these sublime lessons permanently upon his mind."

Companion Levoy gives kindly notice to Canada in his report on Correspondence. He is in error, however, in assuming that the M. E. M. degree was eliminated in this jurisdiction. Portions of the work had been removed, and there was an effort made to restore them, that was all.

Samuel J. Moore, Mitchell, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee.

Chapters . . 68

Members . . 2,721

Only three of the 68 Chapters were unrepresented when the Seventy-second Annual Convocation was opened in ample form at Nashville, Jan. 28, 1901, by M. E. Companion Angel S. Myers, Grand High Priest; and as elsewhere, so here

"Our Royal Craft is in a fairly prosperous condition and that peace and tranquility pervade our ranks and the Companions vie with each other as to who can best work and best agree."

He attended the General Grand and, like others, was not over impressed with the business end of it. Another feature of that august gathering he mentions:

"The legislation had was unimportant, the meeting being more of a social character. The crowning act of glory, however, was a donation of two thousand dollars to the flood sufferers of the State of Texas, thus going to show that the tenets of a Mason's profession, Charity, is always the first consideration."

One dispensation for a new Chapter he granted to thirteen Companions at Covington.

He visited seven Chapters only, and explains this by saying that "invitations came not and I could not go." Referring to the reports of the Grand Visitors, he remarks:

"That the results are no better is no fault of the Visitors. Some of them being ready and willing to visit the Chapters in their districts, but they appear not to be wanted. Such being the case it might be well to dispense with the system of visitation."

The Committee on Jurisprudence fell in with this view.

"With reference to the Grand Visitors, we recommend that the system be dispensed with, as we believe they have outlived their usefulness."

Otherwise this year's session was uneventful, nothing of interest coming before the Companions. Companion H. H. Ingersoll, as of yore, presents the Correspondence report, and within a little over ninety pages compresses an admirable review of the Capitular field.

Under Canada he has a word of praise for our method of inspection.

"Then follow the reports of seventeen Grand Superintendents from as many districts of the Grand Jurisdiction, which, taken together, inform the Grand Body of the particular condition of every Subordinate in that Jurisdiction. If these thorough Canadian methods were introduced into some of the United States, the pages of their Proceedings would be more pleasant reading for the friends of Royal Arch Masonry."

William S. Findlay, Sparta, Grand High Priest.

William A. Clendening, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Vermont.

Chapters .. 27

Members .. 3,087

Eighty-three years had this old Grand Chapter fully rounded out when the gavel fell for the eighty-fourth time in the City of Burlington on the 14th June, 1901.

Many of the veterans were there, including Canada's esteemed representative, Companion Charles W. Whitcomb, Grand Treasurer. The M. E. Grand High Priest, Chas. H. Williams, hails from Bellows Falls, and his portrait indicates that he will be among the veterans when the existing ones have long passed to their reward.

His address is of the variety familiar to the reviewer. He opens with pathetic reference to the "pendulum of time," and the "dial of life." He notes also that "the blade of the reaper" has not been idle and pays tribute to the virtues of one of its victims, Past Grand Chaplain Fisher, who was prominently identified with Freemasonry in all the rites.

He was impressed with his experience as a visitor to the General Grand, and moved a vote of thanks to the Ohio Companions for "receptions and banquets not exceeded for magnificence and refinement."

He attended all the District Chapter meetings and is convinced of their utility.

That he was not asked for any decisions he attributes to the now stereotyped and comforting solution,

"That the Chapters of this jurisdiction are well grounded in the fundamental laws of the Order, and that peace and harmony prevail"

A good, practical report was presented by Grand Lecturer Montague, who after four years' service as such asked to be relieved.

Companion Marsh O. Perkins is of course the Correspondent and an excellent readable review he presents. To Alabama's proposal to admit clergymen on the ground floor he offers some pertinent remarks.

"With exceptional cases, it can but add to the 'Weary Willies' of Masonic trampdom, when energetic, wide-awake workers are demanded in the quarries and in the forests. It is an open declaration to the equally deserving mechanic, farmer, clerk and other professional classes that they do not stand on a Masonic equality with him who wears the clerical coat. The question involved is not the cost to the clerical brother, but of the equal rights of all knocking at the door of the lodge and Chapter. Under the Alabama usage, this is thrown wide open, because of the profession, without the consideration of the probable value of the material in the future thus taken through it. In the other case, the lodge knows and makes no distinction. It does not extend the 'glad hand' because the newcomer is a minister, but because he is a *man*, vouched for by personal friends and acquaintances, manifesting their firm belief that in him will be found the essentials of strength and beauty, vigor and manhood desired for the future development of the work on the Temple. To our mind, the two cases are as far apart as the poles of the earth, the 'pass' of the one being the recognition of a favored class; that of the other, the recognition of actual worth in the individual."

He has a complimentary review of Canada for 1901. Observing the action of the Nanaimo Companions, he says:

"With only one other Chapter not of its allegiance on the shores of the Pacific, it is hoped that the undisputed sovereignty of the Grand Body within its territorial jurisdiction may soon be acknowledged by that also."

And of the action of Grand Chapter with regard to the minimum fee, remarks,

"An attempt to increase in part the minimum fees for the degrees proved a failure, and the bargain counter is still open to the Masonic public."

Under Texas he thinks the word "trio" in place of "team" or "class" is a good one. It certainly is more applicable, and is free from objectionable features.

Daniel S. Danforth, St. Alban's, Grand High Priest.

Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Virginia.

Chapters .. 39

Members .. 2,935

In the city of Richmond, on the 13th Nov., 1900, the Ninety-third Annual Convocation was called to order by M. E. Companion Fred Greenwood, Grand High Priest, who addressed Grand Chapter briefly.

"My term of office has been an uneventful, but, withal, a pleasant one.

"I have not been called upon during the year to render any decisions of sufficient importance to report to this body, the very few questions submitted to me being plainly covered by the laws in our Methodical Digest. Peace and harmony prevail."

He decided that a Chapter declared extinct by Grand Chapter had no existence, and that an appeal for revival must be declined. His suggestion, however, that a petition be sent in for a new Chapter was acted upon.

He made the usual appeal on behalf of the Masonic Home.

Funds were low and he did not deem it expedient to purchase jewels and paraphernalia ordered at a previous Convocation.

Grand Lecturer Hubbard did yeoman service during the year. His report was interesting, a paragraph from which may furnish a cause for lack of interest.

"I have known 'good men and true' who, under proper influences, would have been valuable additions to their Chapters, so humiliated and disgusted at the treatment they had received at the hands of their companions and friends, that they have never entered the Chapter since they received the degrees. I am happy, however, to be able to state that the tendency in some of the Chapters in the State is now to do away with their former methods of rough treatment, and I earnestly hope that all will soon eliminate everything from the work which may in any way detract from the solemnity and beauty of the degrees, when properly conferred."

This matter was subsequently considered by a committee which offered the following resolution, adopted by Grand Chapter :

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the High Priest of each Subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction, to order the Captain of the Host to see that the degrees, in their respective Chapters, are conferred with the dignity and decorum which are appropriate to the respective degrees ; and any disregard of this resolution by officers or companions shall be deemed un-Masonic conduct and treated accordingly.

"*Resolved*, That the above resolution must be read aloud by the High Priest of each Royal Arch Chapter, in open Chapter, at the first stated Convocation after receiving the printed minutes of this session of this Grand R. A. Chapter, and at each Convocation previous to the conferring of any of the degrees."

To get over the difficulty of procuring jewels, etc., for Grand Chapter it was resolved that each subordinate Chapter be requested to donate a sum not less than ten cents per member and forward said contribution to the Grand Secretary.

Companion Nisbett's report on Correspondence is largely extract, and to Canada for 1900 he gives over a page.

J. E. Alexander, Alexandria, Grand High Priest.

Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington.

Chapters .. 23

Members .. 1,403

Four new Chapters were added to the roll since last Annual Convocation, and at this, the Seventeenth, congratulations were in order. Grand Chapter met at Tacoma on 7th June, 1901, with M. E. Companion S. Harry Rush presiding as Grand High Priest.

Grand Master Chadwick of the Grand Lodge was received with honors.

The Grand High Priest having referred to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions, added another, a tribute from a son to a good father.

"Died, at his home at Auburn, Indiana, February 3rd, 1901, in his 87th year, William E. Rush (the father of the writer), honored and respected by all who knew him. He was made a Master Mason in the spring of 1853, and continued a faithful member of our great order, which he loved so well.

"Not to my knowledge did he in word or action ever knowingly harm any man, but endeavored in all things to follow the teachings inculcated in those symbolic degrees from which we all get our first lessons in Masonry."

He very properly decided that a Chapter could not as a body (wearing their regalia) attended Easter services with a Commandery.

He urged a "dependent membership" regulation and also a per capita of ten cents or more annually, to be set aside as the nucleus of a fund for a Masonic Home, to be used when that charitable institution

becomes a settled fact. Both recommendations were subsequently adopted.

Grand Orator Elsensohn delivered a very interesting address on the Royal Arch.

The new Constitution was submitted and adopted. Under "qualifications" the following is interesting :

"Every candidate for the Chapter degrees must be a Master Mason in good standing and a member of a Lodge, and have resided in the State of Washington twelve months, and in the jurisdiction of the Chapter at least six months, next preceding the presentation of his petition, and possessing no maims or defects in his body that may render him incapable of conforming literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him. He must be a natural man, and not one made of wood or cork, or substance other than human flesh or bone."

Companion Yancey C. Blalock extracts to the extent of nearly three pages from Canada's Proceedings of 1901. His selections throughout his report show conclusively that if he does not indulge in comment himself he gives close attention to those who do.

Andrew Nilson, Dayton, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia.

Chapters . . 27.

Members . . 2,024.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Parkersburg, on Tuesday, the 13th day of November, A. D. 1900.

Walling W. Van Winkle, the M. E. Grand High Priest, had the same brief but wholesome story to tell of peace, harmony and progress.

Two Chapters were constituted by Companions delegated for that duty by the G. H. P., and one instituted by the Grand Lecturer.

The only visit recorded by him was that to the triennial at Cincinnati, and of that he could recall nothing that required special mention. He says of the Chapters :

"The equipment for work is generally good, and in most Chapters excellent, while the proficiency in ritual, both from reports received and information through the Grand Lecturers, is characterized only fair, with exceptional instances of very good. My information inclines me to suggest that the ritual should have better attention."

He refused a number of applications for dispensations, none of which he deemed proper.

"One was singular in that it came from a Master Mason by the suggestion of Companions for the creation of a new Chapter. Of course it was refused, but even if regular would have been refused in view of the attitude taken by this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Lecturer reported that but one or two of the Chapters applied for his assistance and urged action to provide ways and means other than those resorted to in the past for the purpose of the better dissemination of the ritual to all the Chapters, so that the work be uniform and also be conferred in an intelligent manner.

Grievance and Jurisprudence Committees reported "nothing to do."

Companion Hugh Stirling makes his bow as Correspondent and we bid him welcome.

"Very few, if any, comments have been made upon the reports of other jurisdictions, for the reason that their action in general was so nearly in accord with my own views regarding the matters presented that it would be presumptuous for me to offer any criticisms, on this first effort as a member of the Guild."

He gives a page of pleasant review to Canada for 1900, closing with,

"I regret not having sufficient time to have fully reviewed the entire proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for a great deal of pleasure would have been afforded me in what I was unable to take under consideration."

All will be forgiven if he refrains in future from calling us Barnett, and would further hint that a revision of the list of Grand Secretaries might prevent possible mistakes.

John M. McConihay, Charleston, Grand High Priest.

Robert C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin.

Chapters . . 75

Members . . 6,328

With half a century of existence this Grand Chapter shows no evidence of weakening powers. On the contrary there is a spirit of progress, an innate strength that augers well for a vigorous old age. The Fifty-first Annual Convocation was held in Milwaukee on the 19th February, 1901, M. E. Companion Edwin F. Gibbs presiding as Grand High Priest.

Loving tribute he paid at the outset of his address to the memory of the genial John W. Laffin, who, for seventeen years, was Grand Secretary, and also to the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Joseph Moran, whose death was due to injuries received in a railroad accident.

Referring to the General Grand Chapter triennial, he said :

“Our Grand Chapter was again honored by the advancement of Most Excellent Companion William C. Swain to the office of General Grand Scribe. May he live to see the day when he will be elected to the highest office in the gift of the General Grand Chapter.”

To which we cordially respond, “So mote it be.” He suspended the High Priest of a Chapter which had been found guilty of trespassing upon Iowan territory, for not obeying the order of Grand Chapter to pay over the money received, and for unmasonic conduct with regard to the Grand High Priest.

He issued a dispensation for a Chapter at Arcadia. His decisions were numerous but not extraordinary.

On behalf of Kilbourn Chapter, No. 1, P. E. H. P., Companion David Harlow presented the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin with the portrait of Companion Dwight Foster Lawton, who was the first Grand High Priest.

Companion Harlow, in making the presentation, delivered himself of these interesting particulars.

“It would have been a beautiful tribute to his memory as well as an honor to this Grand Chapter if our jubilee souvenir had borne upon its obverse the bust of our most estimable Companion. Doubtless this idea was considered by the Committee having the matter in charge and probably abandoned by reason of the impossibility of securing a picture or photograph to serve as a model for the engraver.

"How often are we reminded that there lie buried many models of excellence which, if discovered and brought to light, will be of service and interest to the Craft. Last year it was rumored that there existed in this city an old painting of Companion Lawton, which at one time had been considered unfit for use in any part of the building and thrown over among the rubbish. Strict search was made and the painting found. How oft have we been taught that the stone which the builders rejected, possessing merits to them unknown, became the head of the corner !

"(The painting is now exposed to view upon the stage.)

"*That* canvas, which for years has been ignominiously *humbled* I now request this Grand Body to *exalt* to a position worthy of the man and the office he held. Half a century has passed since the artist portrayed those features—a period most momentous to Masonry. Fifty years ago the Masonic light but faintly glimmered through the mist and darkness. Now it shines in regal splendor, its potent rays extending from the icy fields of the North to the scorching sands of the South."

The Trustees reported that they found the disbursements exceeded receipts by \$1,159.04. Of this amount about \$700 was for expenses not usual. Leaving that out, the annual expenses exceed the annual income about \$450.00, and there was no indication of extravagance.

"Under these circumstances we endorse the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that the per capita tax be placed at fifty cents instead of forty."

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments reported adversely on a proposal requiring six days to elapse after election before a candidate may receive the Mark Master's degree.

Opening his admirable report on Correspondence, Companion Swain feelingly remarks :

"As we pen these lines, we are saddened by the memory of him who started in his career as Grand Secretary at the same time we commenced writing, and with whom we were almost daily associated until he laid down the pen forever. Companion Laffin will be long held in remembrance by those of us who knew and loved him."

Under Alabama he thus comments on the proposal of that jurisdiction to admit clergymen to the degrees without money and without price :

"A self-respecting preacher does not like to be placed in the category with recipients of charity, and one who is not self-respecting we do not want. If the preacher cannot command sufficient salary to afford the degrees, if he desires them, he has mistaken his vocation, and had better retire."

To Canada for 1900 he gives four pages of his valuable space. Referring to a decision of the Grand Z., he says :

“ We do not see what the Chapter where the candidate received his Lodge Degrees, had to do, or to say, in the matter, or the Grand High Priest. A Chapter can have no jurisdiction over a Blue Lodge Mason after he has removed from its jurisdiction, unless he has applied for the degrees. As a matter of ascertaining the character of the applicant, it is well to refer to the locality from whence he recently came ; but there can be no law requiring it.”

All of which is admitted, but may not the ruling have its element of justice also ? The departure of a brother, whose application to a Chapter is not favoured, may be for a brief sojourn only hoping while away to enact the part of a sojourner in Masonic reality, and having effected his symbolic journey, to return whence he came. This is a possibility along a good stretch of border and the ruling was given with such a contingency in view.

We would like to talk further with Companion Swain but must hold for another opportunity. Here is his merry conclusion :

“ The Royal Craft appears in such good condition that it is dull, and there is nothing to say in summing up. A good lively row would be of interest, but no one is quarrelsome, except Aguinaldo, and his pugnacity takes another direction.

“ We haven't even a good story at hand, and can only say ‘ pleasant dreams, and sweet repose.’ ”

W. B. Andrews, Hudson, Grand High Priest.

W. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

General Grand Chapter.

The Thirty-first Triennial Convocation of this body was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the three days commencing Tuesday, the 25th of September, 1900, and there were present representatives from thirty-five constituent Grand Chapters and from sixteen Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Body.

General Grand High Priest Companion Reuben C. Lemmon delivered an address, which covers twenty-five pages. The progress of the country after its discovery by Columbus, the advance of its population

the founding of its institutions, and the responsibilities it has assumed since the late Spanish war, were some of the extraordinary features of his deliverance. Here is a specimen dealing with Spain :

“ With the detail of her conquests in America, her invasion of, and claim to, rightful sovereignty over Italy, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and finally France and England, considerable tracts in Africa, the islands of the sea, and all of the unfolding continent of America, we have not time to delay otherwise than to point while passing to her panoramic display in the century of her greatness ; but her armies do not now announce the determinations of the Escorial to the potentates of Italy, Lombardy, Austria, the Netherlands or the kingdoms and principalities of Germany. ‘ A Republic of Merchants ’ have struck at her navies and they are not—while Spain is engaged with the problem of her place in history.”

Now that is the kind of thing that probably might with reason be tolerated elsewhere than in an address from a Masonic ruler to a gathering of Masons. This is of course opinion and the opinion may be worth little, but its our own. Some four pages of the address are devoted to the subject, but whether the balance is as erratic as the above extract we had not patience to discover. We pass merely with the remark that history cannot show for poor decrepit Spain such comprehensive claims as enumerated. Her ambitions in the days of her greatness were lofty it is true, but the narrator seems to have overlooked one important incident among the many that assisted to check them.

A few English sea-faring gentlemen known to fame elsewhere as Howard, Drake, Hawkins and others with the aid of an all-wise Providence, dealt a crushing and lasting blow to her power on the sea, and the event occurred a few years before the “ Republic of Merchants ” was in process of incubation. No subsequent feat of egg shell smashing could be compared with it.

He properly held that Chapters should not confer degrees on the Sabbath.

A Grand High Priest was suspended from his Lodge for un-Masonic conduct for the period of one year. No proceedings being had in his Chapter or Grand Chapter, except to refer the matter to a committee during the year of his suspension, he at the end of that period resumed his fraternal relations with his Lodge and Chapter. The General Grand High Priest

held that he was a Grand High Priest within the meaning of the constitution. This decision was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and affirmed by the General Grand Body.

Action on the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was deferred until the next triennial.

The chartered Chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapter number twenty, located as follows, viz.: seven in Idaho; three in Utah; seven in Wyoming, and one each in Hawaii, the Chinese Empire and the Republic of Chile. Two Chapters had been constituted in New Mexico and Wyoming, and one more Chapter had been instituted U.D., in Wyoming for which a charter was granted at this triennial.

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico was officially recognized and a cordial welcome extended to enter within the circle of Grand Chapters forming the General Grand.

By the organization of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, the number of constituents was increased to 44, if Texas be included, the independence of Pennsylvania and Virginia being conceded.

In the report of the General Grand Secretary it is noticed that he includes the Grand Chapter of Texas in the list of the constituents of the General Grand, but it does not appear that the Lone Star State appreciates the honor for nothing has come in the way of acknowledgment. The Grand Secretary's report reproduces the correspondence in the Richard Chism case, whose exhibition of contumacy in refusing to obey the commands of the General Grand Chapter to return the rituals and other effects of the late Chapultetec Chapter in the city of Mexico was duly rewarded at this Convocation by his expulsion from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio were the hosts on the occasion, and right hospitably did they entertain their distinguished visitors.

Jas. W. Taylor, Luthersville, Ga., General Grand High Priest.

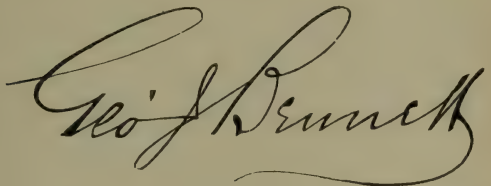
Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, N.Y., General Grand Secretary.

Conclusion.

And so a fairly pleasant and comparatively uneventful journey is finished. Through much of it the sameness, though of the sunny variety, grew monotonous and rendered the oases at long intervals all the more welcome and their sparkling wells of thought and feeling the more delightful. On rare occasion what promised a refreshing pause proved otherwise, its verdancy fading for lack of shade, and its fountains bubbling forth plenteously, but with what to the Masonic palate was the reverse of sweet. To the writer it recalled a famous divine who took pleasure in counselling all and sundry to be careful of the water they drank. "First," he urged, "be sure that it is well boiled, and next, having been allowed to cool, see that it is slowly strained through a Pasteur filter, and then, drink something else."

For those of our Companions with whom we have communed as well as to those whom we regretfully have missed, and to the Companions of Canada for whose benefit this faulty review is compiled, we again fraternally wish

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. J. Brunch". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Alabama	1900	Missouri	1901
Arizona	1900	Montana	1900
Arkansas	1900	Nevada	1901
California	1901	New Hampshire	1901
Colorado	1900	New Jersey	1901
Connecticut	1901	New Mexico	1900
Delaware	1901	New York	1901
District of Columbia	1900	North Carolina	1901
Florida	1901	North Dakota	1901
Georgia	1901	Ohio	1900
Illinois	1901	Oregon	1901
Indiana	1901	Pennsylvania	1901
Indian Territory	1901	Quebec	1901
Iowa	1900	South Dakota	1901
Kentucky	1900	Tennessee	1901
Louisiana	1900	Vermont	1901
Maine	1900	Virginia	1900
Maryland	1900	Washington	1901
Massachusetts	1900	West Virginia	1900
Michigan	1901	Wisconsin	1901
Minnesota	1901	General Grand Chapter	1900



APPENDIX.



REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

“ Time, like a pitiless master,
Cries ‘ Onward ! ’ and spurs the gay hours.
Ah, never doth Time travel faster
Than when his way lies among flowers ! ”

And truly it can be said that the progress of the Royal Arch is flowery. An occasional thorn may remind us that our way is not altogether clear of trouble, but if the sunshine holds, our journey is made pleasantly speedy. Companions whom we have known and learned to revere fall by the wayside now and again, their pilgrimage ended, their life's work accomplished, but the aroma of the flowers is still with us and the sun continues to shine.

A year ago we mourned the death of a great and good monarch. To-day a sister nation sorrows for a ruler whose nobility of mind and rectitude of life had created in a world of nations abiding sentiments of admiration and respect. Upon the final resting place of him, whose claim to “ the grand old name of gentleman ” is conceded by a universe, we reverently lay this spray of sympathy :

“ Two nations stand in thought beside the bed
And silent, hand in hand, together weep,
While he, whom we refer to as the dead,
Lies still, and like an infant seems to sleep.

Or rather, let us say his body lies,
For he, his work-day o'er, has gone to rest
In that dim region we call Paradise,
With all the souls of the departed blest.

Talk not of vengeance, while beside his bier.
The time may come, perchance, for that anon,
Stay but a moment softly praying here
For his eternal rest whose soul has gone.

And pray for those who still on earth remain
 That they and we may tread the path he trod ;
 So that when our earth-life's thread snaps in twain
 We may, like him, be lifted nearer God."

Our work is herewith submitted for inspection, and if not as varied as formerly, the peaceful condition of the Royal Craft must bear the responsibility.

Committees on the doings of Grand Officers occasionally report something after this fashion:—"We are glad to notice that the knowledge of Masonic law and usage is sufficiently familiar to those in authority among the Royal Craft to call for few new interpretations as to their proper application." If the material is not furnished the work must necessarily be restricted and the workman who desires to present something worthy of his skill is naturally disappointed. One spark of comfort remains, as in this instance, the knowledge that he has done his best.

Alabama.

Chapters . . 30

Members . . 856

Within a brief fortnight after the close of the Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation, held at Montgomery, December 3rd and 4th, 1900, and which he attended as usual, death claimed the devoted Grand Secretary, Henry Clay Armstrong, P.G.H.P., and the official announcement by the Grand High Priest came as a painful shock to the whole jurisdiction. His life, which closed at the age of sixty-one years, was an active one. With the outbreak of the civil war his services were given with his sympathies. "He was promoted for conspicuous gallantry in the battles around Atlanta, Ga., and became a Major in General Ross' cavalry brigade. Brave and true as a soldier, he was ever reticent about his services in the army and never referred to the war or its incidents unless interrogated about it. He became as true and loyal a citizen of the United States as he had been of the Confederacy. He located after the war in Macon county, Alabama, and was successively elected County Superintendent of Education, State

Superintendent of Education, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. He was appointed by President Cleveland Consul General at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, and for four years filled that office, receiving the highest praise for the manner in which he discharged his duties as the representative of our Government. In all these positions he served his people with the greatest fidelity.

His career as a Mason was no less distinguished.

“He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. It was as the Chairman of the Committee on Work in this Chapter and in his active work in conferring the Capitular Degrees that he endeared himself to his Companions and secured their individual affection and esteem. His magnificent presence and impressive delivery gave a charm to his rendition of our ritual seldom equalled and never excelled.

“We have lost the brightest masonic jewel of our Grand Jurisdiction! May we all imitate his masonic virtues and zeal.”

That Alabama has been forging ahead since the previous report, which told of the loss of eight Chapters, is indicated by the issue of dispensations for new Chapters in five different localities. One other Chapter however was forfeited. The Grand High Priest is very hopeful:

“I believe that capitular masonry is now in a healthier condition in Alabama than it has been in several years past, and it is my earnest wish that this growth in members and knowledge may continue until every town and community in our jurisdiction can boast of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, thoroughly equipped and well organized, selecting nothing but the best and truest material, from which to do ‘good work, and true work.’”

A number of dispensations to confer the Chapter degrees “at once” were issued by him, believing from representations made that they would be in the interests of progress.

He reported two official visitations and closed as follows:

“If I have not commanded the forces with the degree of courage and success that you had expected, you will at least allow me to take my place in the ranks and keep the fires burning on the altar, to cheer the faithful followers in their work of love.”

Alabama's system of communicating the “work” is embraced in a resolution adopted at this Convocation:

"That it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Work upon application made to him by any Chapter in the jurisdiction to furnish to said Chapter the work of any or all of the degrees conferred in the Chapter, but such work must not be furnished except upon the following condition, viz :

"Such work shall be written in cipher, the key to which shall be disclosed only to the High Priest of the Chapter securing such manuscript work.

"When such work is furnished to a Chapter the High Priest shall sign a written pledge that he will not permit said manuscript work to be used by reading from it in conferring the work ; that he will permit no copy of it to be made, except such parts as are necessary to be used by the officers of his Chapter in learning the work ; that he will deliver the work to his successor in office on his election, requiring from him before doing so, a written pledge such as he himself has given, and that in the event the Charter of his Chapter is forfeited he will immediately send the manuscript to the Custodian of the Work.

"That the Custodian of the Work shall receive such compensation for preparing and sending out the manuscript work provided for in this resolution as shall be agreed upon between him and the Chapter procuring the work."

The following free and easy communication from the High Priest of a Chapter located at Fort Gaines, Ga., and addressed to an enquiring Companion at Columbia, Ala., was read and referred to the incoming Grand High Priest to deal with :

"Dear Sir and Companion.—Replying to yours of February 28th. Your information is correct—we have conferred the Chapter degrees on several 'Alabamians.' I know of no authority for this other than that Masonry recognizes no North, South, East or West, and of course no State lines."

The Finance Committee announced a cash balance of \$1,000.08.

A resolution calling for the repeal of an enactment permitting the use of substitutes, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to report on at next annual Convocation.

Comp. William Y. Titcomb is again to the front with a most entertaining Correspondence report and had Canada for 1900 under his critical eye. His style is kindly throughout, and we congratulate Alabama in having secured the services of one so eminently fitted for the duty.

George F. Moore, Montgomery, Grand High Priest.
Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona.

Chapters . . 6

Members . . 320

The completion of ten years of existence was signalized by a graceful acknowledgment of the services of the indefatigable Grand Secretary, which for that long period had been a labour of love. Under his watchful eye, Arizona has enjoyed a steady prosperity, and at this Convocation a cash balance of \$1201.80 was reported. That he should be compensated for his skilful work was only a common act of justice. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

The Eleventh Annual Convocation, presided over by Grand High Priest Brecht, was held at the City of Phoenix, on the 14th November, 1900, and was well attended; Canada's representative, however, did not sign the register.

Prosperity and harmony are reported in the address. He refers to a calamitous fire at Prescott City, which affected a number of the Companions of that place, but adds, "there was no white feather shown, but true western grit prevailed, and the Mountain City is now being rebuilt in a way that will reflect credit upon her citizens."

The fire must have affected himself, for to it he attributes his inability to attend the General Grand Chapter, and he made no official visits. The other Grand officers undertook that duty, however, and their reports are cheerful.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were decorated with distinctive jewels, at a total cost of \$225.

The various Committees had little or nothing before them for consideration, and at the end of three hours the officers elected were installed, and Grand Chapter closed in Ample Form.

There was no Correspondence report.

George Shand, Tucson, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas.

Chapters .. 65

Members .. 1975

Grand High Priest J. S. Westerfield wielded the gavel at the Fifty-first Annual Convocation held at Little Rock, November 22nd, 1900.

"Peace and goodwill" were, according to him, the prevailing characteristics of the year, and stability and growth were exhibited in the condition of the Royal Craft.

"The past history of our Grand Chapter will show with what wisdom and painstaking devotion those eminent and faithful Companions who organized and perpetuated it in infancy went about laying a solid foundation, one that would withstand the tempests of time, rather than hastily erect an edifice which with the first passing gale might tumble to the ground.

"The rapid addition of new Chapters has not been encouraged, and the retirement of such as have passed a period of usefulness has at every step been provided for, thus endeavoring to propagate a healthy offspring which is the real strength of every organization."

He recorded the deaths of two zealous Companions, Past Grand High Priests Sam. W. Williams and W. H. Gee.

Two of his decisions were as follows :

"A Chapter failing to elect and instal officers at the time fixed by By-laws can do so at the first stated meeting held thereafter without a dispensation. I find no law in conflict with section 2 of article 2 of our By-laws.

"On appeal from the decisions of the High Priest of one of our Chapters, I ruled as follows :

"A motion to place in the hands of the Captain of the Host the sum of \$20 to be used at his discretion for charitable purposes, but the real object being to return to a recently exalted Companion so much of his \$25 fee for the degrees, would not be in order and the High Priest did not err in so deciding.

"It is a plain proposition of law in this Jurisdiction that the degrees shall cost the recipient not less than \$25, and no evasion should be practised."

These were confirmed by the Jurisprudence Committee.

He granted a dispensation for a new Chapter at Mammoth Spring, and several permissions to petition and ballot within the time limit, in face of a standing

resolution condemning and forbidding the practice. To this he pleads justification.

"In the beginning of my administration I saw no course open to me but to obey the mandates of the Grand Chapter, but soon the pressure became too great. I decided that I could not withhold such dispensations, to which the Chapters from long usage have become accustomed, without in many cases working hardships and causing serious disappointments, and went back to the old regime."

Of the 65 Chapters on the roll, 54 are reported by the Committee thereon, "in good standing."

An application from nine Companions at DeQueen for a dispensation to organize a Chapter, was acceded to.

Companion R. J. Laughlin, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made no report, but promised a table of statistics. The Grand High Priest continued Companion Laughlin on the said committee, and the members of the Guild generally would like to hear from him again, when funds permit.

Grand Chapter closed with a cash balance of \$806.83.

Thos. H. Jones, Little Rock, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

California.

Chapters .. 71

Members .. 6232

A net increase of nearly four hundred was California's proud showing when Grand Chapter met in Forty-seventh Annual Convocation, on the 16th April, 1901, in San Francisco.

M. E. Comp. Edward Riches Hedges, Grand High Priest, presided over the deliberations, which were interesting. He had a record year.

"The Royal Craft has made unusual progress during the year past, and our beloved Order, I am pleased to say to you, is in a healthy prosperous condition; increased activity, renewed interest, and, with one exception, the largest accession in membership of any year since the organization of the Grand Chapter."

Two eminent Masons, Thomas T. Reynolds and Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Past Grand High Priests, had passed away. The former succeeded the latter as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. To both, loving tribute was paid.

New Chapters at West Oakland and San Andreas were instituted under his dispensation.

A Chapter conferred life membership on two of its members. Some of the Companions objected and asked a decision. In the absence of any law governing such a contingency, he left the matter with Grand Chapter, which concurred in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, nullifying the action of the Chapter.

The Committee also reported on the complaint of a Chapter that the same has sole control of the disposition of its own funds, that the Chapter is only the trustee of its own funds, and that it has no power to expend any portion thereof for any purpose except such as is warranted by Masonic law and custom.

A Chapter ruler had decided that all members not six months in arrears for dues were entitled to vote. A member recorded an objection on the ground that the by-law read :

“The monthly dues of each member shall be fifty cents. No member who, at the annual meeting, shall be in arrears for dues shall be allowed to vote, or be eligible for any office.”

He ruled against the objector, quoting a former decision.

“I question the justice of depriving any Companion, for financial reasons, of any of the rights and privileges of Masonry, until he is sufficiently in arrears to render him liable to be suspended for non payment of dues.”

Of the methods employed in conferring the R. A. degree, he has this to say :

“There is no place in it for levity or play, nor anything which will tend to lower the self-respect and natural dignity of a candidate.
* * * Upon his introduction into the presence of the Grand Council he should be in just that frame of mind which would enable him to receive with profit those lessons, instructions and explanations which

are the vital and most essential part of the degree, and which are intended and should produce a lasting impression for good upon the mind of the candidate. It is a symbolic journey and no place for jokes or merriment. The P. S. recital is sufficiently realistic without other accessories. If there is any part where the candidate should be in a proper and receptive mood to be benefited, it is in the latter part of the ceremonies of Royal Arch Degree; not come to it tired and weary, and in consequence listless and indifferent. In the ceremonies of initiation nothing should be permitted that will lead the mind of the candidate away from the important truths and ennobling sentiments which are the predominant features of the Ritual."

A resolution to confine the Grand Chapter printing to Masons was snuffed out by the Committee as not being "business."

After the close of the last annual Convocation, the Grand Council divided the jurisdiction into fifteen districts, and the Grand Lecturer appointed a Deputy for each. That Grand officer now reports that the new system is working admirably and that it is effecting the uniformity in working which had been the great desideratum.

The Grand Secretary, in compiling the report of Proceedings, halts at the report of the Committee on the pay of Delegates, to announce the sudden calling away of the Chairman of that Committee and the Companion who wrote the report.

"Comp. Theodore Edward Smith was a Christian gentleman, a Mason without reproach. He was Secretary of his Lodge and Chapter, and Recorder of the Convention of Anointed High Priests of California. He met with us at the assembling of this Convocation on the 15th of April, met with us in the Convention of High Priests on the evening of the 16th, and passed to immortality on the 22nd."

Companion William A. Davies, for the Committee on Correspondence, submits a conscientious review of the many Grand Chapter Proceedings, to hand. Very little, if anything, is overlooked. He gives to Canada nearly two pages. He speaks kindly of our effort at review, and adds:

"He won't take our hint and give us full names instead of initials, and intimates that it is a matter of taste and a question in which the owner only is interested. We think not, and we shall continue to believe when we read that Comp. L. Sorehead was elected

Grand Z., that, recorded in full, it would read, Comp. Lazarus Sorehead, and wouldn't it be an improvement, Comp. Bennett?"

It would, and when you come across him, Companion Davies, make him spell it out, especially as that cognomen is possibly numerous in the golden west. Haven't heard of him yet in this bailiwick.

Samuel H. Wagener, San Jose, Grand High Priest.
William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado.

Chapters .. 34

Members .. 2626

Portraits and biographies of Grand High Priest Geo. W. Roe, Past Grand High Priests Ernest LeNeve Foster, Marshall H. Dean, Alphonse Burnand and Geo. T. Cooper, and Grand Secretary Ed. C. Parmelee make an interesting introduction to the Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation, held at Denver, September 30th, 1900.

Grand Sentinel Linton, who had served in that capacity since the formation of Grand Chapter, was recorded among the illustrious dead.

The G. H. P. decided against the admission to the Chapter degrees of a brother engaged in the saloon business, and also against the application of a Chapter for a public installation of officers. His remarks are worthy of record :

"While not wishing to appear narrow or arbitrary, and having only the good of the Craft at heart, I refused to grant his request for a Dispensation for a public installation. The public have no right or part in any of our ceremonies. Our institution is distinctively a secret society, and the members of a Blue Lodge as such have no more right or part in the ceremonies of the Chapter, than has the profane to witness any of the ceremonies of the Blue Lodge. I do not believe that public installations are right or that they should be allowed by the Masonic institution, and I sincerely trust that my successors in office will refuse to grant Dispensations for the same, or better still, that this Grand Chapter pass a resolution refusing to permit them."

The Jurisprudence Committee agreed with this decision, but hesitated at the closing recommendation.

"In regard to the recommendation of the G. H. Priest of the

adoption of a resolution by the Grand Chapter prohibiting the M. E. G. H. Priest from issuing Dispensations for public installation, your committee report that in their opinion that it would be unwise for this Grand Chapter to take action by legislation, or otherwise restricting in any way the prerogatives of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest."

He started ten Companions working at Steamboat Springs and recommended a charter, which was granted. Steamboat Chapter ought to go ahead.

He made a number of visitations and travelled over 3,000 miles in the discharge of duty.

Reviewing the Grand Chapter's quarter century of existence, he says:

"Through all these years the Royal Craft has steadily grown and prospered, until at this our twenty-sixth Annual Convocation we have thirty-two Chapters, with a total membership of 2,696 R. A. M., and of the twenty-four Grand High Priests who have been called upon to preside over this Grand Chapter, twenty-one are still alive, as is also our Excellent and beloved Companion Ed. C. Parmelee, our Grand Secretary, who enjoys the distinction of having been elected and installed Grand Secretary at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter from its organization up to the present time. May God bless and keep him."

That God had blessed him was shown in the love and devotion of his Companions; that God will keep him is as sure as that a well spent life is well rewarded. Little did the Grand High Priest, or any other Companion present, anticipate that before another Convocation the Grand Secretary's office would be vacant. A brief illness, and on the 10th of May the summons came.

"God takes the good, too good on earth to stay,
And leaves the bad, too bad to take away."

Companion Foster serves up a rich and dainty feast in his Correspondence report. It is replete with good things, with which we would fain tempt the appetites of our Companions here, but that the powers that be have put a limit on luxury. Referring to Arkansas' legislation against persons engaged in the sale of liquor, which traffic we presume is countenanced by the law of the land, he pertinently criticizes that peculiar variety

of zeal which occasionally runs away with prudence and discretion.

“Whilst opposed to the liquor traffic, especially the saloon, and having a very similar law to the above in the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction, still we have often doubted the advisability of such legislation. We are not a prohibition society, and though we inculcate temperance, it is not alone temperance in regard to drink, but temperance in all things. The Companion who enters saloons to drink and treat is equally as culpable as the Companion who sells the beverage, and needs discipline just as much. In our opinion, the proper way to keep those who traffic in liquor out of our Lodges and Chapters is not by legislation, but by the black-ball. In fact, we can see no reason why the liquor traffic should be particularly selected for special legislation; there are numerous other vices to which mankind is subject that are equally unmasonic. Why not legislate against them also?”

Again, under Kentucky, on the oft referred to subject of rushing candidates through the degrees:

“Only when it is understood that the conferring of degrees is the means of implanting Masonic truths in the hearts of its devotees, and not a time for fun-making, will the day dawn, that more interest will center in Royal Arch Masonry. We are being led away after false gods, and not following sufficiently close in the footsteps of our forefathers. The idols of the various benefit and social societies which have grown like weeds during the past quarter of a century, are attracting us, and a good time, or hail fellow well met, is becoming the height of our ambition, rather than the more serious and benevolent objects for which our grand fraternity was instituted. Return then Masonry to its pristine beauty, seek not after numbers or a glorious time, but after quality and the welfare of our fellowman, and there will be no more apologies needed from Grand High Priests for doing that which their consciences tell them is not advisable.”

To Canada, for 1900, he devotes two of his valuable pages. Quoting the Grand Z.’s remarks on the Dominion’s contributions to the army in South Africa, he says:

“Other loyal and patriotic sentiments are expressed, showing the strong tie that binds them to the Mother Country. Long may it exist.”

Geo. W. Roe, Pueblo, Grand High Priest.

Wm. D. Todd, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut.

Chapters . . 36.

Members . . 6,049.

What we presume is a good likeness of Companion John L. Hill, M. E. Grand High Priest, makes a presentable frontispiece to the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation, held at New Haven on the 14th May, 1901. Looking into those expressive eyes which beam through dignified glasses we are prone to a feeling of genuine sorrow that they should at any time be dulled by pain and venture the hope that the "afflictions sore" which overtook him during his official term have long ere this disappeared.

His address if not lengthy was practical. He paid tribute to a deceased predecessor, M. E. Comp. Chas H. Chesebro, of Putnam, who was Grand High Priest in 1892.

Two applications to receive and ballot on applications at the same Convocation he refused. In cases of "good cause" he acceded.

He attended the triennial of the General Grand Chapter, and was not favorably impressed with the business methods of those exalted Companions. "It took nearly three days to transact the business which could have been done in a day and a half."

"After my return from the triennial my health failed so fast that I was confined to the house until the middle of April, being obliged to use crutches, thus making it impossible for me to make any visitations. Perhaps it was out of consideration of my infirmity that I received only two invitations out of the ten Chapters that I assigned myself. I am very sorry that the Chapters do not look upon this matter of receiving visitations more in the light of a duty."

A curious condition of affairs is revealed by a recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Rhode Island with reference to a Connecticut Chapter which for many years has been located within the limits of the former jurisdiction. It appears that thirty-two years ago the hall in which Palmer Chapter had held its meeting, and which was located a short distance

from the boundary line in Stonington, Conn., had been destroyed by fire. The building had been completed but a few months and the loss was undoubtedly a severe blow to the Chapter. The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island issued a dispensation permitting the Connecticut Chapter to meet for business purposes in the village of Westerly, within the jurisdiction of that Grand Chapter, and further that the members of the lodge meeting in the same place could unite with the Chapter if they so desired. The Rhode Island ruler argues that this act of hospitality was never intended to be permanent, adding,

“It seems unlikely that this Grand Chapter would consent that the Subordinate of another should permanently exercise such privileges in its jurisdiction, which is not so large that we can afford to share it with a sister Grand Chapter.

“The guest welcomed within our doors under such stress of circumstances, has prolonged its stay for a third of a century, and I submit the question whether the time has not arrived when we may, without injuring our reputation for neighborly hospitality, suggest her departure.”

The Grand High Priest of Connecticut having been apprised that the sister jurisdiction was taking action, communicated with Palmer Chapter notifying them of what they might expect, asking how it would affect them. They wrote that if they were driven over into Connecticut it would mean the surrender of their charter, and now committees of the two Grand Chapters are to meet and consider how this singular and long existing anomaly is to be adjusted satisfactorily.

Another peculiarity which contains a strong element of injustice is that referred to by the G. H. P.

“There is a matter that I wish to bring before this Grand Body, relative to perpetual jurisdiction over a Brother who has become a resident of another jurisdiction for a year or more. Chapters claiming perpetual jurisdiction over a Brother by reason of his having been elected to take his degree in their Chapter, but who has moved into another State before taking his degrees. All By-Laws that I have seen require the Brother to present himself inside of six months or to forfeit his right of initiation except in case of sickness. In forfeiting his claim he also forfeits the application fee and cannot be admitted to said Chapter without going through the regular form of application. Now under those circumstances I claim that the Chapter has no jurisdiction whatever over said Brother.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred, sustained the regulation.

“By the regulation of our Grand Chapter an applicant having been elected by a Chapter cannot receive his degree in any other Chapter without its permission.”

Such may be the law of Connecticut, but is it consistent with common sense? The applicant after his acceptance may have discovered some very good reason why membership in that particular Chapter would be uncomfortable for him, and his desire to seek the degrees elsewhere, after the expiration of a reasonable time limit, should not be interfered with. The holding of a whip over a good brother's head for all time is giving a power to a Chapter which it has no right to possess. It is on a par with the “solitary objection,” and other equally repellant doctrines which bring the boasted privileges of *Free Masonry* into serious question.

M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, one of the veterans of the guild, presents his twenty-fourth report on Correspondence, and like the many which have preceded it is able and instructive.

Of the defining the period between the Master Mason and the Capitular degrees he is not a stickler and says to Companion Foster :

“We do not believe the object sought for can be gained by any definite period of probation, as there are some applicants who ought to have three times six to reach suitable proficiency.”

Reviewing Companion Harrison of Delaware he says :

“He does not favor the Past Master degree as a part of the Capitular system ; we have sometimes wondered why it was placed there, but we think it tends to confusion for one or two jurisdictions to attempt to remove it.”

Under Canada for 1900, he quotes us on the subject of dependent membership and says :

“We are unable to see the force of Companion Bennett's reasoning ; that an applicant for the Chapter degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason, but as soon as he gets into the Chapters, that he can throw his lodge membership aside, is just what we contend against.”

And we respectfully reiterate the statement that it is inconsistent for one government to legislate for the subjects of another, separate and distinct. The advisability and sentiment of the contentions are on a totally different pedestal. They may be looked up to and admired, but they are not to be bowed down to and worshipped. Companion Barlow's sentiment in this connection is discovered under Wisconsin.

"We admit that the systematic dues are modern, as the necessity for them did not exist among our ancient brethren, but to-day to sustain Lodges and Chapters dues are necessary, and should not be considered as an innovation. As to the Lodge being the strongest body, it is also the source from whence the practical benevolent work of Masonry is expected. In this work, every Mason should share. We are, therefore, a firm believer in dependent membership, and trust it will not go out of existence."

And there lies the argument in all its repulsive nakedness, dues — dollars — filthy lucre. If then all lodges and Chapters existed on the interest of substantial initiation fees and the sordid fact of periodical dues was unknown, would the necessity for dependent membership have ever been heard of? It was a stranger to our ancient brethren who were ignorant of dues, ergo its advent must have synchronized with the birth of the "per capita." The cold cash requirement is a solid argument for many modern landmarks.

Companion Barlow, we would like to stay with you a little longer but regretfully have to pull down the blind.

James Callan, Waterbury, Grand High Priest.

James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware.

Chapters . . 4

Members . . 738

Wilmington as usual was honored with the Annual Convocation, the Thirty-third, and on the 16th January, 1901, Grand High Priest Harry Galbraith called the Companions to order.

Farewell, O wondrous round of wondrous years ;
 Time full of joys, of hopes, despair and tears ;
 One century dies and a new one is born ;
 We stand in the sunset and welcome the morn ;
 The old one we rev'rently lay in the sod ;
 The new one begins with the blessing of God ;
 Each levies its tribute ; one calls for our tears,
 The other for hopes, aspirations and fears.

God bless our efforts, and bless our Grand Chapter ;
 God bless one and all who shall enter our door ;
 And as onward we're pressing,
 New glories possessing,
 Grand work may we do for mankind evermore.

Thus he opened his brief address, which, on the whole, was pleasant and optimistic. He noted a net increase for the year of 34, and rejoiced that during that period death's cold hand had not been laid upon any member of Grand Chapter.

He took up the old theme of "rushing" candidates to accommodate their aspirations for something, thereby making them indifferent Royal Arch Masons.

Having little else handy in the way of material he favoured the Companions with a resume of the General Grand's proceedings, not omitting the banquet and other trimmings. This was about the only visit he seems to have paid, at least there is no other in sight.

The Finance Committee reported \$530 in hands while the invested funds amounted to \$3.78.

Committees on Jurisprudence, Warrants, Work, By-Laws, and Jewels all reported "nothing to do."

A graceful recognition of faithful services was the presentation of a portrait of the Grand Sentinel, Companion G. K. Yates.

Another pleasant incident was the presentation by Past Grand High Priest Jacob F. Mynich of the Proceedings of a former Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Delaware, January, 1818, to January, 1869. They were encased in a handsome rosewood box, duly inscribed.

He also presented the Grand Chapter with a gavel made from a piece of sash that was broken off the U. S. S. *Oregon* by concussion in the battle when the

Spanish fleet was destroyed at Cuba. The centre-piece is from the U. S. S. *Oregon*, the outer pieces are from the sash of a door of a fort captured by the troops on that occasion.

For a very pleasant review of the Capitular field we are indebted to that excellent correspondent Companion Virginius V. Harrison.

To Arizona's recommendation that the custodians of the funds in each Chapter should be "bonded," he remarks :

"This, we think, is carrying the security matter a little too far. It was up to this date an unheard-of thing to have the Secretary and Treasurer of a subordinate body to bond for the faithful performance of his duty, and further, it always did touch us in a 'tender spot' to have the fact forced upon us that it was necessary for a Mason to furnish security for the fulfillment of his vows."

Another reviewer has dwelt upon the fact that our ancient brethren did not pay dues, and in their day and the old time before them, there was no occasion for such modernisms as dependent membership and other things. Among the latter we may safely include guarantee companies. To "dues" then we must attribute this desire for security in a more practical form. If it is necessary to introduce the "business" of paying moneys to certain officers and take receipts therefor, is it not equally "business" for the Chapter to accept from those officers an acknowledgment in the shape of a bond? The secretary in giving a Companion a receipt for his periodical dues is furnishing to him a bond that his money is secure. The Chapter not to ask a similar confidence on behalf of its own funds, may be indulging a sentimental confidence but it is also exhibiting a woful lack of what this work-a-day world calls "business."

A quotation from him under Michigan and we are done. Companion Harrison, commenting on some remarks of the Grand High Priest, says :

"But alas ! for man's hopes and desires. The almighty dollar stands out bold and defiant, and allures one on to forget all else and strive for its possession ; and after all, what does it amount to. It comes like a meteor, and like a flash it is gone, and possibly with it,

through some sordid, grasping, miserly manifestation, the good will and friendship of one or more of one's nearest and dearest friends. This is a subject that appeals to us in the strongest terms."

Companion Harrison does not pass Canada by lightly. He gives our Proceedings more than passing review, and reminds us that he is still battling for the "scientific leg."

Joseph Row, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

District of Columbia.

Chapters .. 11.

Members .. 2,542.

A substantial gain was recorded at the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, on the 12th December, 1900, at Washington, the roll having been increased by over 130.

M. E. Comp. J. F. Pierson, Grand High Priest of Louisiana, was a welcome visitor.

Grand High Priest William Barnum delivered a peculiar and remarkably instructive address. Of his Chapters he said :

"The financial condition of the various Chapters is excellent, and several of them have considerable assets in stocks and bonds besides ample resources for their current necessities. The finances of the Chapters are usually well managed and with due regard to economy, but proper expenditures are freely made and the calls of charity meet with prompt and cheerful response. The individual dues in this jurisdiction are not large, and are generally paid promptly, there having been a gradual improvement in this respect in recent years."

Three of the Chapters are over 400 strong, two over 200, four over 100, and two about 50.

He touchingly referred to two Past Grand High Priests who had fallen, Isaac L. Johnson and Jeremiah C. Allen. Both good and grand Masons.

He granted four "rush" dispensations, but in each case was satisfied the appeals were well founded.

Reference to visits made by him to Commanderies, Lodges, Veterans' Associations and Shrines is rather prominent and seemed to us out of place.

He deprecated the clashing of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter visitations and urged a mutual arrangement.

One would hardly expect the following remarks from what should be a wealthy jurisdiction :

“ On different occasions attempts have been made to increase the revenues of the Grand Chapter by restoring the fee for exaltation of each Royal Arch Mason, but the effort has each time failed. Nevertheless I believe that such a course should be pursued, as the Grand Chapter's finances are placed on too narrow a basis, the Grand Treasurer being forced almost every year to borrow money to meet the expenses at certain periods. I can not see why the Grand Chapter should not have a fair share of the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia. Most of the constituent Chapters are amply able to pay the tax referred to, and if any should ever be in straitened circumstances such dues could be properly remitted. However, the proposition to levy such tax having recently failed, I do not personally urge another attempt at this time.”

Against rapid advancement he is emphatic.

“ Masonic students and writers are almost unanimous in the opinion that our Order is growing quite rapidly enough for its best interests, and that *festina lente* should be the motto in nearly all our proceedings.”

He closes with the following extraordinary pronouncement :

“ We are in the dying hours of the nineteenth century—a century marked by great material, political, and intellectual progress. The railroad, the steamboat, the telegraph, the telephone, and all the marvels of electricity have come among us until we have ceased to wonder at miracles. Empires have swallowed up kingdoms, republics have replaced empires. Great prudence on the part of monarchs—enormous concessions made by them—enables many of them to retain their thrones; but the theories on which their governments were founded have been swept away and the hereditary rulers themselves must soon disappear in the advance of time. Masonry has been a factor in many political changes, notably in France and Italy, and has always acted for freedom and the rights of man.

“ The dawn of the twentieth century portends still greater changes. Ideas which a decade ago were vaguely derided as Utopian or perhaps denounced as socialistic are now advocated by many educated men of wealth and by great religious leaders. University professors are embracing those ideas; some of them suffer dismissal at the hands of narrow-minded trustees, but the ‘ blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.’ The most powerful force in Christendom—a force inimical to Masonry and long supposed to be buried in conservatism—has within the last few years shown its sympathy with human progress in many ways, especially by its complete recognition of the

Republic of France and by its intelligent and cordial support of oppressed labor. These advanced ideas are only a wider recognition of principles for which Masonry has long contended. They do not antagonize Church or State, but seek to establish more firmly the principles of human liberty, to recognize our obligations to 'each aid the other,' and to inculcate the practice of charity, in its broadest sense, towards all mankind. Masonry, in the coming decades, will have power to exercise a wonderful influence for the betterment of the human race by a religious observance of the principles it has long professed and by a zealous support of order and justice."

We do not pretend to a comprehensive knowledge on such matters, but our reading of the history of continental Europe forces us to diametrically opposite views. Certainly we would never hold up France and Italy for the emulation of the English-speaking Craft. To bracket the "principles" eulogised above, with those of the ancient fraternity is, in our humble opinion, open to serious question, always supposing that we have interpreted the vague allusions aright.

The Committee, however, treated it otherwise for they found the address "very comprehensive and instructive, and recommend its careful perusal by every member of this jurisdiction."

Victoria and New Zealand were accorded recognition.

With sincere regret it is observed that the veteran Companion W. R. Singleton was incapacitated by illness from again taking up the familiar pen. Companion A. W. Johnston, Grand Secretary, essayed the task under trying circumstances and accomplished his work with skill and ability. In his introduction he feelingly refers to the beloved afflicted Companion.

"Companion Singleton, though sensible of his failing strength, clung to the hope that he would be able to write the report until within two weeks of the Annual Convocation, when he realized the coming of that night 'when no man can work,' and he relinquished to less competent hands the task which for many years had been to him a labor of love. The vital spark still lingers in the feeble frame, but the life work of our dear Companion is finished. Paralyzed in body, but with undimmed mental vision, sustained by a firm trust in the Great I Am, he serenely awaits the great change.

"The greater portion of the writer's work has been accomplished since the Annual Convocation, in the hours he could spare to it from his regular vocation and his many Masonic duties. He shuns the

arena of controversy, indulges sparingly in comment, and aims to present only what may be of interest to our Companions in the transactions of sister jurisdictions. He asks the considerate judgment of the Guild, who will be quick to detect the 'prentice hand in the pages where they were wont to look for kindly criticism, ripe scholarship, and the garnered wisdom of sixty years of Masonic research and experience."

Robert Armour, Washington, Grand High Priest.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Florida.

Chapters .. 20.

Members .. 781.

Among those who attended the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation at Jacksonville, on 14th May, 1901, were twenty-five representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. He who is the custodian of Canada's interests there was not included in that illustrious company.

Grand High Priest Elmer E. Haskell set forth his official doings in a pamphlet of eighteen pages. He preceded his discourse with a reference to the disastrous fire which recently had wrought such havoc in the city where they were assembled, and expressed a hope that Grand Chapter would contribute to assist the distressed as far as its limited means would allow.

"Peace and harmony prevail everywhere in our jurisdiction, and Capitular Masonry is awakening from its slumbers, and unmistakable evidences of activity are plainly to be seen."

He granted a number of dispensations for various purposes, among others to ballot on applications and act thereon. In addition he desired to be generous, notwithstanding the law.

"In reference to the granting of dispensations, I have to report that in no case have I considered that the best interests of our craft required that payment for such dispensations should be made, as required by Constitution, Sec. 20, and therefore, in each case, I have remitted such fees."

The Committee, however, let him down easily by interpreting the section to mean that the remission of the fee is discretionary with the G. H. P.

He constituted Jericho Chapter at Miami, but "circumstances, business engagements and absence" interfered to prevent him visiting all the Chapters to which he was assigned. Nevertheless he did well, and among others communed with the Companions of Key West :

"This is the first and only Grand Visitation received by this Chapter, and to say that they appreciated this recognition, far away in their beautiful "isle of the sea," does not adequately recognize their extensive and hospitable entertainment."

He strongly condemned the practice observed in some Chapters of balloting for more than one petition at the same time, and in the event of a "dark" ballot then to ballot over separately. He recommended a regulation to prohibit the practice

The Grand Secretary urged a mutual arrangement with the Grand jurisdictions of Alabama and Georgia, both of which, he said, were favorably disposed for recognizing concurrent jurisdiction at or near the boundary lines.

Referring to the recent conflagration, he expressed gratitude for the preservation of the Masonic Temple, but deemed it his duty

"To earnestly recommend that this Grand Chapter join with the Grand Commandery in the purchase of a suitable fireproof safe for the library."

Two hundred dollars were voted to the Relief Committee for the fire sufferers, and \$125 for a safe.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Alonzo M. Cushman, Gainesville, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

Chapters .. 100.

Members .. 3,450.

This Grand jurisdiction was again sorely afflicted by the hand of death, its two principal officers being summoned in the interval between the Convocations. M. E. Companion Henry Clay Burr, Grand High

Priest, was called just one month before the present annual Convocation, and R. E. Companion John P. Shannon, Deputy Grand High Priest, in the previous September.

Companion Henry Banks, R. E. Grand King, acted as Grand High Priest at the Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation, held at Macon on the 25th April, 1901.

“In the fading days of the dying century that has passed, when nature was tracing with artistic touch her rich, rare colorings upon the cheek of fruit and flower, and field and forest were waving their red banners of victory over the dying year of a dying century, in the peaceful quiet of his home, surrounded by his loving, devoted wife and children, in the restful hush of the Sabbath morning, my friend and brother, John P. Shannon, gave up the brave fight he had waged for months, and closed his eyes upon the fleeting scenes of life and opened them upon the never-fading beauties of a glorious Immortality.”

Thus he referred to the death of the Deputy Grand High Priest, who only preceded his chief by a few months.

“With mourning, sorrowing hearts, Georgia Masonry passed out of the old into the new century. Nature roused from her winter sleep by the whirling winds of March had just called the violet to life again and bade her herald the coming spring. Hope that had taken fright at the oft-repeated visits of the Grim Monster Death was just creeping back into our hearts, when with relentless and unerring aim, without pity or compassion for our sorrows of the past, he struck down the head of our Grand Council and removed from us our beloved Most Excellent Companion Henry C. Burr, Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

“His time, his mind, his body, his money and his heart, were freely and gladly laid upon the Altar of Masonry. Her sublime principles firmly imbedded in his nature by years of study and service made him an ideal husband, father, citizen and friend.”

Very beautiful is his valedictory, which we would fain reproduce if space permitted, also the eloquent memorial addresses of M. E. Comps. Wessolowsky, and Comps. Jeffries and Rhea. They are models of diction and graceful sympathy.

M. E. James W. Taylor, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, being in waiting to visit the Grand Chapter of Georgia, R. E. Companion A. M.

Lambdin was appointed to introduce him, and he was received by the private Grand Honors.

Acting Grand High Priest Henry Banks extended the General Grand High Priest a cordial welcome, and conducted him to a seat of honor in the Grand East.

There was little of general interest coming before the Grand Chapter.

Referring to the dilatoriness of some Chapters in furnishing returns and dues within the specified time, the Committee on Returns reported :

“ It is the plain and imperative duty of the High Priests of the several subordinate Chapters to enforce a strict compliance with this law. Of all men, Royal Arch Masons should be exact and prompt business men, bringing in work that will meet the approval of the most exacting overseer.

“ We recommend that mileage and per diem be not paid to the representative of any Chapter whose Chapter has not made return to and settlement with this Grand Chapter, until said return and settlement has been made.”

The Finance Report showed Grand Chapter to be in the best financial shape it has been in for years, as it has money enough to pay all obligations without borrowing, as had been the custom for the past years. Balance on hand \$3,886.87.

R. E. Companion Lambdin's able report on Correspondence furnishes instructive perusal. He quotes the M. E. Grand Z's introduction to his address anent the death of Queen Victoria and gives a very good idea of Canada's Proceedings of 1901. He extracts liberally from the excellent centennial paper of E. Comp. Henry T. Smith and generously gives him credit for the Correspondence report also.

Henry Banks, La Grange, Grand High Priest.
W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Illinois.

Chapter . . 188.

Members . . 18,123.

There is a wealth of hope and confidence expressed in the lineaments of the M. E. the Grand High Priest for the current year. We welcome the portrait of Com-

panion Charles H. Patton, the representative of Canada, congratulate him on his deserved preferment, and predict for him a happy and prosperous year as head of the Capitular Craft in Illinois.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on the 24th October, 1901, presided over by the erudite Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Geo. W. Warville.

"Nothing of startling import has occurred during the year. Our internal affairs, so far as I have been able to learn, have been most peaceful and harmonious."

Three Past Grand High Priests had been called during the year, Companions Haswell Cordis Clarke, Jacob Krohn and Fred C. Winslow.

Of the method of dividing the State into nine districts for visitation, and assigning to each district a Grand Officer with the supervisory powers provided by law, he is not enamoured.

"From the reports submitted, and from my own experience for the past nine years, I am satisfied that, as an effective system of visitation, this method is without merit. When visitations are made they are generally of a most perfunctory character, and, beyond a little display of respectful deference and good feeling, accomplish no good or useful results. In many cases no visits whatever are made, and, in almost every case, the Chapters most in need of inspection do not receive it."

No dispensation for new Chapters had been issued during the year and but one new Chapter constituted.

Referring to the revised Ritual to be submitted for approval he said :

"He that runs may read—and this feature has been condemned by some of the more conservative. But this I deem to be one of the merits of the report. It is now in a form that can readily be understood and assimilated by any person of average intelligence; it requires no key to read it and no interpreter to explain it. It is immaterial that, by some chance, some parts might be read and possibly understood by a profane. The day of studious concealment and secrecy in Masonic matters has passed. Indeed, we have no secrets, in the proper signification of the word, and if every line of ritual and rubric were published to the world it would not in any way affect the standing, influence or usefulness of the Fraternity or any of its various bodies. On the other hand, there are many and cogent reasons why the work of the Chapter should be made as plain and intelligible as possible."

Believing that a one day's session would be beneficial he urged against the old practice of absorbing two and thus wasting valuable time and tiring out the delegates.

He also recommended a change in the construction or phraseology of the original charter for a Chapter, as he believed that the officers named in the dispensation did not always reflect the actual choice of the Companions.

"The charter of the Grand body is the effective act that imparts real life. Now it is not necessary, in imparting permanent vitality to a body already having a potential existence, that its officers should also be named. It is enough that the Companions signing the petition be formed into a regular body with a distinctive name and number. Upon the constitution of the body an election should be held and the officers so chosen by the newly formed body, by its own suffrages, should be the first officers. In my experience in constituting Chapters, I have found this to be a general desire of the Companions."

Closing he says, and there is food for thought in the remarks,

"In reviewing this address I find that I have omitted a number of matters that time and custom have made almost essential. Thus, I have inserted no observations on the flight of time, the beauties of fraternity, the advantages of Masonry, etc., and hence, the seekers after 'gems' will scan my pages in vain. But I have found so much of practical interest to talk about, that there seemed no room for those pearls of thought and flowers of fancy that so richly adorn the messages of my illustrious predecessors. I therefore crave your indulgence for this seeming dereliction."

The Grand High Priest of Minnesota, M. E. Companion Charles H. Brinsmead, was introduced and cordially welcomed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not hold with the G. H. P. in his desire to alter the form of the charter and recommended "that forms and customs which have so successfully obtained during the half century and more of existence of this Grand Chapter be continued."

The Committee on Grievances reported that after a careful research they had been unable to find a Companion with anything to complain of, and therefore congratulate the Royal Craft on the happy condition of affairs.

“The Book of the Law” is one of a series of papers which the Past Grand High Priest is contributing for the benefit of his Companions and which is found in the appendices. It is a valuable addition to the literature of the Craft and well worthy the perusal of the Masonic student.

Companion John M. Pearson submits his sixteenth and last, we regret to say, report on Correspondence, illness being the cause.

“In writing this report we have had the thought all along with us that it would be our last. We told the M. E. Grand High Priest and several Companions last October that such would be the case, and we had the pleasure of suggesting a most worthy successor.”

The report lacks nothing of his customary care and able handling. He has a very kind review of Canada for 1901, and quotes M. E. Companion Reid approvingly. He also eulogises the interchange of sentiment expressed by Grand Representatives, and quoting R. E. Companions Patton and Forbes says the incident affords occasion to remind other Grand Representatives of duty neglected.

He reproduces our remarks on the action of Louisiana in recognizing the Grand Mark Lodge of England, “because of their historic value” and further :

“Our Grand Chapter is fully noticed and no adverse comments are made. This pleases us greatly, for Comp. Bennett has a keen eye for incongruities and a sharp pen to point at them, and his reports are readable, which is saying a great deal in these days of fine writing.”

He also notices E. Companion H. T. Smith’s historical paper most favorably, adding :

“The thanks of all are due to Comp. Smith for his labor of love, in observing and preserving so many facts that otherwise would have passed into oblivion.

“Farewell ! a word that must be, and hath been—
A sound which makes us linger ;—yet—farewell.”

Charles H. Patton, Mt. Vernon, Grand High Priest.
Gilbert W. Bernard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Indiana.

Chapters . . 97.

Members . . 7,519.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Indianapolis, on the 23rd October, 1901. M. E. Companion Renwick W. Crockett opened his address with a touching reference to the late President:

“Scripture informs us that Joshua commanded the sun to stand and the command was obeyed. The whole world, out of respect for William McKinley, stood still on the day of his burial, the personage more than the office being the incentive. To be good is to be great. That he was good has been shown by the tribute paid his memory by the whole Christian world. That he was great has been acknowledged by the great rulers and wise men of the earth without a single exception.”

Ill health compelled the resignation of Grand Secretary Wm. H. Smythe, and the G. H. P. appointed Companion Calvin W. Prather to the position.

He issued three dispensations for new Chapters.

He was unable to make any visitations and his decisions covered familiar ground.

The rushing process he disapproves and appeals for for the abrogation of a permissive clause.

“When a petition to be made a Mason is presented to a Lodge, the law governing requires said petition to lay over for consideration for a stated period. When a petition for the Orders of the Temple is presented to a Commandery, the law governing requires said petition to lay over for consideration for a stated period. When a petition is presented to a Chapter, a case of emergency may be declared, the report of committee made, ballot had, and the entire series of Degrees, including the Royal Arch, conferred upon the petitioner before leaving the hall. That proper protection in the matter of a safeguard may be had to Capitular Masonry, I therefore recommend that Section 58 of the General Regulations be amended to strike out the exception clause, which reads as follows:

“Except in cases of emergency when by unanimous consent of the members present action may be sooner had thereon.”

The Jurisprudence Committee, however, did not “deem it expedient” to repeal the clause.

Past Grand High Priest Simeon S. Johnson contributes a “boiled down and condensed” report on Correspondence. Canada for 1901 receives exactly six lines which we quote:

"The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter come to us in quite a large 'periodical,' and to the Companions of Canada there is very much of interest, as it is made up mostly of reports by the Grand Superintendents of the different districts. Nothing of general interest. The Report on Correspondence is voluminous and most readable, but not to be quoted here."

Why? we will not venture to state because we can only guess, but Companion Johnson will pardon us if we quote himself under Nevada.

"Committee on Correspondence, reviewing Indiana, devotes twenty-two lines of Proceedings to the effort, and succeeded in saying that a 'number of rulings were made on question of advancement,' but fail to inform their readers what the rulings were; also say that Companion Mordhurst's report is 'chatty' — only this and nothing more. Their review reminds us of the old inquiry: 'If so soon done, why ever begun?'"

Companion Johnson says he was limited to one hundred pages and was therefore desirous to be brief. He succeeded in keeping within the boundary, his report just covering fifty-eight.

Simeon P. Gillett, Evansville, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Indian Territory.

Chapters . . 31.

Members . . 1,133.

How it grows! More new Chapters and a net gain in membership of 156! This was the gratifying condition of things reported at the Twelfth Annual Convocation, held at Muskogee on the 23rd April, 1901. The Grand High Priest must have felt proud, though the portrait of M. E. Companion Jonas A. Lee who held that office would not indicate it. This may account for his serious aspect.

"It is with a feeling of earnestness that I make you this, my report. While there has been no strife or contention among the workmen, and only once have I been called upon for an opinion, and there having been two Chapters constituted and four instituted during the present year, still I feel that the whole duty of a Grand High Priest has not been by me performed. Yet, I do feel that when an officer is handicapped for the want of sufficient means, it is not to be charged up to his lack of zeal for the Order if he fails to spend much

of his time among the Companions and the Chapters under his jurisdiction. Along this line, I feel that I am short in the good I might have done had my private matters been such as to permit me to have done as I felt it my duty."

As the Grand High Priest concluded the roll of the honored dead, he called Grand Chapter up and the Grand Chaplain prayed. The address was then resumed.

"For good and sufficient reasons" he issued a number of dispensations on the customary appeals. But ye that have ears to hear!

"I refused to issue a special dispensation to the High Priest and Companions of Tyrian Chapter, No. 20, to suspend operations of the By-laws for ninety days, and allow said Chapter to receive petitions for the degrees conferred in said Chapter for \$15 00. I did this believing there should be some unnatural cause existing to warrant such action, as cheap degrees naturally make cheap Masons."

The financial statement shows a balance on hand of \$2,798.35.

Because of the loss by fire of the Masonic Hall at Durant, and the consequent loss of valuable regalia by the Chapter, the dues of Durant Chapter, U. D., amounting to \$38, were refunded. Five hundred dollars were donated to the Orphans' Home out of the funds of the Grand Chapter. It was announced that the marriage of Companion Henry L. Jarboe, Jr., who has been a regular attendant upon the Convocation of the Grand Chapter for several years, would take place on the morrow, and on motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to wire congratulations of Grand Chapter to him and his bride.

"NOTE.—The Grand Secretary failed to find the proper address to comply with this instruction, but will write the congratulation. Better late than never"

M. E. Comp. J. S. Morrow again presents the Report on Correspondence, which should have included Canada for 1901, but didn't. The Proceedings were mailed in ample time and a vote of censure on the postal authorities is in order.

William E. Eagleton, Pawnee, Grand High Priest.
Joseph S. Morrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

Iowa.

Chapters . . 123.

Members . . 8,238.

Our heart goes out to Iowa in sincere fraternal sympathy for the great bereavements it has sustained since last Grand Chapter met at Des Moines. Within two brief months three great lights were extinguished. The first, who presided over its destinies during its initial year of being, the last, who laid down the burden of life but eleven days prior to the present convening; and another, whose rule over the Royal Craft dates back but little more than a decade; three names held in honor where'er the name and fame of Iowa Masonry have gone abroad.

“Of this royal trio, Theodore Sutton Parvin was the Nestor, and the first to fall. Born in Cedarville, New Jersey, January 15th, 1817, he passed serenely to his final rest, June 28th, 1901, having rounded out more than fourscore years of active and varied usefulness. One of the founders of Masonry in Iowa, in every branch of the Order, he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1852-3; first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, 1854; Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, 1860; first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, 1864, and re-elected in 1865; Inspector-General for Iowa, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from 1867 to 1901. Upon the organization of the Grand Lodge, in 1844, he was chosen as Grand Secretary, and served continuously in that office until his death, save the single year in which he was Grand Master, the term of service being longer than that of any other officer in the history of American Masonry. A student and book-lover, he early began the collection of Masonic, as of other works, and thus laid the foundation of the Iowa Masonic Library, the only and unique institution of its kind in the world.”

“The virtuous nothing fear but shame,
And death's a pleasant road that leads to fame.”

"Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, the genial kindly author of the Correspondence report, died August 4th, 1901, when the veil parted, and to earthly vision he 'was not, for God took him.' On the 3rd he went from his home in Anamosa to Dubuque to attend to legal matters; was taken ill on the train, but resolutely held to his purpose to attend to the business for which he had made the journey, upon the completion of which he was taken from the court house to a hotel and from thence, on the following day, to a hospital, where the end came soon after nine o'clock p.m.

"He was active in all branches of Masonry in his home town, having been Worshipful Master, High Priest, and Eminent Commander in the several bodies. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, 1886-7, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, 1896-7. In every position he acquitted himself well. His record is in the hearts of his friends. They mourn his departure, but not as those who have no hope.

"To him death was not
So much as the lifting of a latch;
Only a step into the open air,
Out from a tent already luminous
With light that shines through its transparent walls."

"Grand High Priest N. B. Hyatt had been suffering from lung disease for many months. Early in August last he was able to get out of doors and to his office, but about August 20th he suffered a relapse from which he did not recover, and died about 10 o'clock p.m., Sunday, August 25th, 1901, surrounded by his immediate family, at his home in Webster City. He endured great pain and suffering, and he was in full possession of his mental faculties till within a few moments of the end of his life. One of the greatest regrets expressed by him the morning of his last day on earth, was, 'I don't believe I shall be able to go to Grand Chapter.'

"By the use of will power, and the taking advantage of the periods of improved strength, he had been able to perform and complete his duties pertaining to this Grand Chapter. He had written, corrected, and

returned to the printers his 'Report of My Doings as your Grand High Priest,' just a few days previous to his passing away."

Deputy Grand High Priest T. B. Lacey presided at the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation, held at Davenport on the 5th September following, and was enabled to read the last message to his Companions from the departed ruler.

The Grand High Priest referred eulogistically to the two brilliant Masons who had "gone before."

He congratulated Grand Chapter on its great prosperity and alluded to Iowa as the home of Royal Arch Masonry.

He issued Dispensations for two new Chapters and recommended the restoration of the charter to one suspended.

The selection of appointed officers in Grand Chapter he urged should be based upon merit solely.

The lamented Grand High Priest thus concluded :

"Wherein I may have failed to come up to your highest expectations, be assured that it was not from want of a disposition to faithfully serve you, but rather from want of ability to do so. I feel assured, however, that my successor will find the condition of the craft throughout the state to be excellent. So far as I know, not a single strife exists within the jurisdiction, and it is the wish of your humble servant that it may ever remain so."

There was little to interest any but those immediately concerned in the general proceedings. The Davenport Companions, with their characteristic hospitality, treated their guests to a boat ride on the Mississippi.

"And it was four happy hours before she returned to the pier once more. Meantime a delightfully informal evening had been spent. With conversation, refreshment, and dancing, the time passed only too soon, and we reluctantly bade the rising moon good night as we turned back to the hotel, but we carried away with us pleasant recollections of a most delightful incident of our meeting."

The Correspondence report, which is compiled in the old sparkling style of the now departed writer, is prefaced by the Grand Secretary as follows :

"A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE. — [Most Excellent Companion T. R. Ercanbrack, the writer of this report, had finished his labors in

the same happy vein with which he had sent forth previous reports, without premonition of the approaching end, but alas! he passed away without warning, on Sunday, August 4th, after the copy had been placed in the hands of the printers.]

And singularly, he whom Iowa mourns and a Royal Arch continent will sorely miss, submitted his report with the following appropriate words:

"It is with joy and gladness that your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence appears before you with a report in his hand filled with good tidings and expressions of exultation. The moral status of the Capitular institution is still rising. Those entering the Royal Arch fold in all parts of the civilized world are the brightest and the best. Those of our Companions who are wrapping their robes about them and lying down to pleasant dreams leave splendid records of good deeds well done. They leave behind them on the sands of time such

'Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
Some forlorn, shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again.'

His last review of Canada was that for 1901, and he extracted freely from the Grand Z.'s address and the report thereon, and remarked:

"In no former volume from Canada have we found such a display of affection for a 'beloved Queen' and such marked interest in British affairs."

And finally he quotes the Correspondent's exordium in full, adding:

"Companion George J. Bennett is a most excellent reviewer. He knows that Canada is prosperous, and his rendition of the Old Testament is lucid. His version of Iowa affairs for 1900 is quite as vividly truthful as his Abrahamic exposition. How blessed it is that

'Truth crushed to earth will rise again.'"

Thomas B. Lacey, Council Bluffs, Grand High Priest.
Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky.

Chapters .. 78

Members .. 3,412

Another Grand Chapter where death found a shining mark. In the February preceding the Annual Convocation, M. E. Comp. John Speed Smith, Grand High Priest, was summoned to his eternal abode.

"A man of signal ability, upright character and sterling integrity, he was loved by his friends and honored by the confidence of every Grand Masonic Body in this jurisdiction.

"In December, 1886, he was elected Master without ever having passed the Warden's Chair. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in October, 1892, he was elected Grand Master, which is the only instance known to the Committee in which the father and son, both bearing the same name, have been elected to this exalted position."

The Deputy Grand High Priest assumed the duties until September, when business called him away, and the responsibility unexpectedly fell upon the Grand King, R. E. Comp. Hal T. Jefferson, and under the circumstances he did well.

Past Grand High Priest Henry Renshaw was another whose death left a gap among the veterans of Kentucky.

The Grand King presided at the Eighty-third Annual Convocation, held at Louisville, Oct. 16th, 1900. His brief address explained the sad situation and furnished all the available information.

Grand Secretary Grant reported the happy adjustment of the little difficulty with an Indiana Chapter.

Articles of incorporation were duly approved and filed.

Grand Treasurer reported total resources at opening of Grand Chapter, \$6,790.63.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that "The members of this Grand Body are so well versed in the laws of Capitular Masonry that no subjects have been presented for its consideration."

"The maxim, 'know thyself,' does not suffice ;
Know others !—know them well—that's my advice."

In the actual doings of Grand Chapter there is little to catch the reviewer's eye, beyond the pleasant feature that all seems to be going well with it. So mote it be.

For the thirteenth time, M. E. Comp. Staton furnishes the chatty report on Correspondence, which included Canada for 1900.

“Two decisions are reported, to the first of which we must dissent. A brother had received the degrees in the United States and came to a Canadian town to reside. After taking up his residence there he petitioned a Chapter for the Chapter degrees. He decided that the consent of the Chapter where he hailed from should first be obtained, and likewise the approval of the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction in which that Chapter is situated. Having removed from the United States and taken up his residence in Canada, the Chapter, or the Grand High Priest, from whose jurisdiction he removed, had no more jurisdiction over the candidate than the ‘Man in the Moon.’”

Merely a matter of precaution. Suppose a Canadian brother had been rejected by a Chapter within his own jurisdiction and chose to subsequently holiday for a few months in Kentucky, we are inclined to doubt whether Comp. Staton’s enthusiasm for the stranger within his gates would be enhanced by a knowledge of former circumstances, especially if he had hospitably accepted him in his Chapter without making enquiry.

“Wisely and slow ; they stumble that run fast.”

Hal T. Jefferson, Louisville, Grand High Priest.

Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana.

Chapters . . 22.

Members, 1,244.

This Grand body is not falling behind in the procession, as the doings of the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation at New Orleans, on 13th February, 1900, clearly demonstrate. Following in the wake of the previous report another satisfactory increase in strength is announced and under the guidance of wise counsellors will continue so.

M. E. Comp. J. F. Pierson, Grand High Priest, preceded his account of a year’s stewardship by some thoughtful remarks. The following extract which we respectfully commend to the careful perusal of his colleagues at the nation’s Capital, and who, by a coincidence, he visited there at the annual Convocation of the District of Columbia’s Grand Chapter :

“It is of the first importance to the perpetuity of Masonic traditions that the practice and teachings of Masonry should be kept independent

and separate from the ever-changing policies and administrations of temporal government. Its prosperity and influences cannot be maintained by the advocacy or adoption of governmental policies, that would substitute for the 'peace and harmony' of the Masonic body the political discord, turmoil and acrimony which always attended the administration of governmental affairs. No enthusiasm over the sublime teachings of our ancient and honorable institution should ever move us to dethrone Masonry from the lofty pinnacle of its ancient origin and universality, nor to degrade it from the perpetuity of its sublime truths to the vacillating dogmas or the polluted influences of the political arena."

And he administered a fraternal "call down" to the General Grand High Priest whose enthusiasm led him to talk of

"Questions of great political and international significance well worthy of the greatest abilities of statesmen and jurists, but matters wholly foreign to the purposes or mission of Masonry.

"In no conceivable aspect can the discussion or advocacy of the opinion of these subjects promote the purposes or uphold the mission of Masonic institutions; the only possible resulting influence which such discussions can reflect tends to the disintegration of the Order and the nullification of the benignant influences it is intended to inculcate.

"Whatever political conditions may surround us; whatever temporal government may claim our allegiance, as Masons we should ever cling to the proud heritage of our institutions, and never forsake the traditions which have stood the test of the ages and withstood the crucible of time."

He decided that the chief officer of a Chapter could not demit during his term of office.

To aid in the relief of Companions left destitute by the frightful visitation at Galveston, Grand Chapter, early in October, contributed the sum of \$500.00, which was forwarded to the seat of disaster, and there applied to the relief of bereaved Companions and their dependents.

A resolution that the sum of fifty dollars be donated from the funds of Grand Chapter for the purpose of erecting a tomb or marble monument over the remains of the late Companion John Q. A. Fellows, Past Grand High Priest, was approved.

Also that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated out of general funds for the relief of Companion Wm. Tell during the ensuing year.

The per capita was reduced from one dollar to fifty cents.

Companion Herman C. Duncan presents a brief report on Correspondence which does not do him justice. He extracts from the address of M. E. Companion Reid, but without comment.

With regard to the G. H. P's privilege of making a Royal Arch Mason "at sight," he is of the opinion that "the rightfulness of it cannot be successfully controverted."

He has this to say on the solitary objection feature :

"We believe that no degree in Masonry should be conferred in spite of a known objection; that unanimity should always prevail. We also dissent from the proposition that an objector forfeits his rights by making known the character of his objections. On the other hand, we do agree with the proposition that an unreasonable objection, an objection made out of pure meanness, is decidedly unmasonic and ought to be punished."

We have heretofore ventured the opinion that any Companion who had the temerity to differ with the sage of Maine on matters Masonic could not continue to exist and enjoy the same meed of appreciation as formerly. Companion Duncan differed with him on matters historical in connection with General Grand Chapter and Companion Drummond wrote :

"One of two things is true ; either Companion Duncan is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason, or he is profoundly ignorant of the history of Royal Arch Masonry in his own jurisdiction, as well as that of the General Grand Chapter. The former, of course, is utterly inadmissible ; therefore, the latter must be the true solution."

The Louisiana Companion naturally resents this and retorts :

"No manly man would use such language who felt that there was any strength in his contention. Mud-slinging is a sure sign of appreciated weakness, and we are glad that it is so, for we cannot bandy such thoroughly unmasonic and highly offensive language as the above."

He is inclined to end it here, but to strengthen his case he gives him a few further facts and figures and says :

"Companion Drummond is not the General Grand Chapter, and it would be well to have that understood.

“For the reason that he has endeavored to make the General Grand Chapter something other than it is, we believe him the worse foe to the unity of Royal Arch Masonry that lives to-day.”

If this sort of thing continues we shall all begin to rejoice that there is a pretty wide strip of territory between Louisiana and Maine.

“All things I thought I knew ; but now confess
The more I know I know, I know the less.”

J. F. Pierson, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine.

Chapters . . 56

Members . . 6,502

Portland, as usual, was favored with the Annual Convocation (Seventy-fifth) on the 1st May, 1900 ; M. E. Companion Winfield S. Hinckley, Grand High Priest, presiding.

His address was confined to his official doings, and paid fraternal tribute to esteemed Companions who had departed during the year.

Three of his dispensations were to hold elections, the officers elect declining to be installed.

He recommended that Grand Representatives be appointed for six instead of three years, owing to “expense” and “trouble,” which was subsequently agreed to.

The condition of the Royal Craft, he reported, was flourishing, “but not so rapidly as to induce an unhealthy growth.”

Grand officers to whom was submitted the duty of visitation, accomplished the undertaking with credit to themselves. The Deputy Grand High Priest visited Massachusetts’ Centennial and heard the address of Maine’s solon.

“It is safe to say that a greater respect is more universally felt for Comp. Drummond’s Masonic knowledge, and a higher appreciation shown for the great work he has done for the institution, than is accorded to any other Companion in this country.”

He was right. He was quite safe to say that—in Maine. Now in Louisiana—but that's another story.

Neither the Grievances and Appeals nor Jurisprudence Committees had anything to report, except lack of business.

In his admirable Correspondence report Companion Drummond approves Alabama's legislation, dealing with the registration of the Mark, and says:

“There is too great a disposition to wear Masonic insignia as decorations, but the Mark of the Companion is very rarely seen in the decoration worn. If this evil must exist, we wish that the sentiment of making more of the Mark of each Companion could be increased, and we should be quite content to have every Companion have his Mark in metallic form always in his possession.”

After a perusal of the Grand Superintendent's reports in Canada for 1900, he says:

“We were somewhat surprised by the report of one of these officers, that he had not visited a certain Chapter because he had no invitation to do so. We are surprised, because we have understood that the system is similar to ours, and that it is the duty of that officer to visit every Chapter in his district, whether invited or not. Our experience has shown that the Chapters, which would not invite the officer to make a visit, are the very ones that most need visitations. There is no doubt but that the system of visitations in Canada, as practically administered, is of great service to the Craft, and accounts in no small degree for the prosperity of the Royal Craft in that Province.”

To a decision of the Grand Z., regarding the necessity for procuring consent before accepting an applicant, he says:

“If the brother had taken up his permanent residence in the town, as we understand the law, no Chapter at his previous residence would undertake to give the consent suggested. When he ceases to be a resident in the jurisdiction of a Chapter in this country, that Chapter loses all interest in him.”

True, if the residence is meant to be permanent; but there is always the possibility of a rejected applicant taking advantage of a temporary sojourn, especially along the border line, in order to obtain that which the Companions at home decline to give him for reasons of their own. If the Grand Z. erred it was on the side of caution.

He is with us in our views on dependent membership and quotes us thereon.

Once more he gets after us on the "initial" question, with the wholly erroneous idea that we objected to the criticism. Not a bit of it. We then, as now, recognize its soundness, and while, as he says, a clerk of a court might endanger his position by neglecting to follow out the line suggested, it may be added, in strict confidence and on behalf of another who shall be nameless, that he is a good officer who obeys his superiors. But even now there is a possibility of improvement.

Another idol shattered. He is not a judge—says so himself; and yet he has been accorded that title by others whom we have been reading for years, and we naturally fell into the error. Well, all we can say is, that if Companion Drummond is not a judge, his fellow-citizens are lacking in discernment, for in arriving at a final decision, and promptly sentencing the culprit, he has not his equal in all the guilds of the continent.

It is not always wise, too, to trust to appearances, as in the case of a recently appointed judge in England, who is possessed of a mild and kindly exterior, which at first sight gives the impression that its owner is a simple country gentleman rather than an expert lawyer. At any rate, this was evidently the view of a professional seller of painted birds, who one day, some years ago, met Sir James in the neighbourhood of the Law Courts, in London, and, showing him one of his birds, asked that eminent dispensator of justice to what species he would take it to belong. The lawyer stopped, carefully examined the gaudy little creature, and then replied that he had not seen a bird exactly like that one before, but, judging from the old proverb that birds of a feather flock together, he should say that it was a gaol-bird. The intending vendor did not wait for more!

Referring to the remarks of Companion Duncan on the nomenclature of this Grand Body, he opportunely explains:

"Our Companion does not hit the precise matter in question. In addition to the Grand Chapter of Canada, there are Grand Chapters

in the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia ; these Grand Chapters rather object to the continued use of the name 'Grand Chapter of Canada,' as that implies a Grand Chapter for the whole Dominion. However, we do not think that the time has come for Grand Chapters in either Manitoba or British Columbia, and as everybody understands what is meant by the 'Grand Chapter of Canada,' we do not think any injury will follow from its continuing to use its old name."

With acknowledgment of his kind words respecting ourselves, we reluctantly and with fervent good wishes, whisper—adieu.

Winfield S. Hinckley, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

Chapters . . 20

Members . . 1,961

Peace, harmony and a gentle growth characterized the Royal Craft in Maryland for the year which ended with the One hundred and third Annual Convocation, held at Baltimore, on the 13th November, 1900.

M. E. Companion Daniel T. Ordeman, Grand High Priest, whose good looking portrait is presented with the volume, told briefly of his official acts during the year. He had to announce the demise of Past Grand High Priest William H. Clark, whom he described as—

"A Christian gentleman, being a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a good citizen, and an eminent and zealous Mason."

He authorized the formation of a new Chapter at Laurel. Individual members of the consenting Chapter protested, but their objection did not hold and the dispensation was issued.

Here is how he dealt with visitations :

"Early in the term it was concluded that for obvious reasons the visits of courtesy to the subordinate Chapters on the part of the Grand Officers might be confined to special occasions, necessitating official presence, without detriment to the interests of the Chapters, and that the latter might be relied upon to forego, for a time at least, those very pleasant occasions, which have ever seemed to spread the cement of fraternal affection among us. No evidence appears, as yet, to affect unfavorably the conclusion arrived at in the premises.

"The Installation of Officers of Chapters devolving upon the Grand High Priest, was provided for by constituting the Grand Lecturer my proxy for such purpose."

The Grand Lecturer covered the ground, with his accustomed assiduity, nor did he miss a single Chapter.

Companion John M. Carter, who had been selected at the Triennial Convocation of General Grand Chapter as the Treasurer of that august body, was duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on the "Doings of Grand Officers," noted the lack of work and consequent apathy in otherwise prosperous rural Chapters.

"So, in the coming year, we recommend the renewal of the visitations of the Grand High Priest, especially among the rural Chapters, not with the pomp and circumstance of a large retinue, but by his personal presence and counsel to aid and encourage the Companions and stimulate them to greater zeal and enthusiasm in the Royal Art."

M. E. Companion Edward T. Schultz is still to the fore as Correspondent, although his sight continues impaired.

"With the aid of a reader and amanuensis, I am once more enabled to prepare the annual review of the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters in fraternal correspondence with our Grand Chapter.

"With this report I have rounded out a full quarter of a century in this position, having been first appointed by Grand High Priest Hermon L. Emmons, in 1875, and since then annually re-appointed by his successors."

He gives a couple of pages to Canada, for 1899, and compliments the reviewer. We still cherish the hope that his affliction is only temporary.

On the dependent membership question, he entertains our view. To him of Connecticut, who is the other way, he says :

"We agree with Brother Barlow that a Mason should help sustain his Lodge, but we deny the right of the Grand Chapter to compel him to do so.

"There was a period in our Masonic life when we took paramount interest in Capitular Masonry, and if our circumstances at the time would not have permitted us to have kept up our membership in both departments, we would have given up the Lodge. There was another period in our Masonic life when the Commandery had more interest for us, and if our circumstances would not have permitted us to keep up our membership in more than one department, we would have relin-

quished our membership rights and privileges in both Lodge and Chapter, and we hold that no power on earth could rightfully have prevented us from so doing."

On the practice of some Grand Chapters, who deprive Companions of membership for non-payment of dues, he very properly says, under Pennsylvania :

"We contend that the rights and privileges of membership in a particular Chapter is the only punishment that should be inflicted for the non-payment of dues. A deprivation of Capitular rights can only be rightfully imposed after the preferment of charges and a regular trial for an offence committed against the general regulations of the fraternity."

Daniel C. Avery, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

George L. McCahan, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts.

Chapters . . 75.

Members . . 16,079.

Quarterly Convocations were held in March, June and September, at which much business was disposed of.

At the March meeting the Grand Commander of Knights Templars was announced and honored with a seat in the East. Here he would be recognized as a Royal Arch Mason only.

A case of invasion of jurisdiction received due consideration.

M. E. Companion Warren B. Ellis, who delivered an interesting address at the Centennial Celebration, was voted one hundred dollars as "compensation for the labor in its preparation." He was also decorated with a P. G. H. P's. jewel.

At the September Convocation the petition of twenty-two companions at Ayer for a new Chapter was favorably considered.

Grand Chapter constituted a new Chapter at Winthorpe in October.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation was held Dec. 11, 1900, in Boston. There was a large attendance to witness the exemplification of the degrees in the forenoon.

In the evening the "Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, was presented and welcomed in the East with the courtesies due his station,"

The great men of outside bodies enjoy a rare distinction in Massachusetts. The Grand High Priest, Warren B. Ellis, welcomed the Companions and congratulated them,

"On the success that has attended us during the past year. Peace, Harmony, and prosperity have prevailed. Our Chapters have grown in membership and influence, and the importance of the Capital Rite is more widely recognized than ever before. More than ever it is appreciated for its own worth and for the fraternal and social companionship of its members."

He pointed out that the question of Chapter jurisdiction is one that is frequently presented and sometimes difficult to decide, particularly in the case of candidates for the degree who reside in towns where no Chapter is established.

"I would, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed to define the jurisdiction of each Chapter in the State, and that a map showing such jurisdictions, suitably colored, be prepared and deposited in the office of the Grand Secretary for information on this subject."

"The address was listened to with the closest attention throughout and received with expressions of marked approval." And a little later its author was re-elected to his exalted position.

Grand Secretary J. Gilman Waite is again the careful and able reviewer of the doings of sister Grand Chapters and he presents a most interesting report which included Canada for 1900.

"We notice that among the dispensations granted there were 'nine to wear Royal Arch clothing at divine service and funerals.' It was not stated to what extent the officers were clothed, but we presume not beyond the wearing of collars, aprons and gloves."

The "presumption" is passed O. K. In noticing Canada's wealth he errs when quoting the cash balance. The figures looked so nice that we were inclined to pass on with a gratified smile, when we paused in justice to our treasurer. \$2,173 is still far short of \$21,733, but

our anticipations of a rich future are rosy and the "pay roll" is as yet unborn.

Referring to M. E. Companion Reid's visit to the centennial celebration at Boston he says :

"We are sure his presence delighted the Companions of the Old Bay State, and we trust will tend to strengthen the bond that binds the two jurisdictions in one common fraternity."

Warren B. Ellis, Boston, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Michigan.

Chapters . . 135.

Members . . 13,983.

M. E. Companion Reuben C. Webb, of Detroit, presided as Grand High Priest over the deliberations of the Fifty-third Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple of that city, on the 15th January, 1901. Nearly all the Chapters were represented and the attendance totalled 307. Addressing the Companions he said :

"It should be, as I know it is, a matter of grateful pride to us that our Royal Craft, and Masonry generally, have advanced with the world and its institutions, and is to-day stronger than ever in its personal and in its material condition. I know it is the fashion with many to decry later day practices, to shake the head and dolefully remark that Masonry is not what it used to be, to question the accessories which ornament and illuminate our ritual, to criticize the development of the social features which are so prominently a part of lodge doings, and to look with a pessimistic eye upon the rapid growth of our beloved order. But all these things are but simple steps in the constant process of evolution which marks all live individuals and societies."

He was asked if a Master Mason who removed from the jurisdiction and demitted to become Master of a Lodge in Africa, and returned to stay for several months, could petition a Chapter in which he had formerly been rejected, without waiting the six months in order to regain residence. He decided that as the brother was the material of that Chapter the interval was not necessary. He was also asked :

"Can the petition of a brother who has been elected to receive the degrees in a Canadian Chapter be received and acted upon by a Michigan Chapter?"

One would like to know the circumstances under which the Canadian brother desired to cross the border. That information is not given however, but the G. H. P. ruled that he could not go without proper permission from the Canadian Chapter.

He describes in the issue and perusal by the Companions of the new Constitution a more extended knowledge of the requirements thereof.

“All our Chapter work and business has adapted itself most harmoniously to the change.”

He constituted two new Chapters and issued dispensations for the formation of three.

His visit to General Grand Chapter did not impress him to any alarming extent.

“This was my first and will probably be my last visit to that Grand Body. I went there with very exalted ideas of the dignity and high character, as well as the general usefulness of the General Grand Chapter, and, but for this visit, should doubtless have entertained the same high opinion of it for the rest of my life.

“It is certainly a very deliberative body, as it took three days to transact the business that could just as well have been done in half a day. In fact, the only business of importance seemed to be the election of a General Grand Master of the First Veil, who, if he lives for twenty-seven years, will probably become General Grand High Priest.

“The General Grand Chapter may be a very useful body, but I must confess I failed to discover wherein its usefulness lay, and yet I find that we are paying about \$140.00 every year for the inestimable privilege of being a constituent part of that body, and in the last ten years we have paid \$1,311.19 for this purpose, and this does not include the expenses of our delegates, for which an additional appropriation is made every third year by our Grand Chapter. It seems to be that we get very small returns for the money invested.”

Before concluding he thus refers to the services of the Grand Secretary :

“Never until this year have I fully appreciated that he not only deserved all the praise which has been given him, as he deserved all which I and my successors may give ; but that none have yet risen to the occasion and given him his full due, and neither in all probability shall I.”

Considering that the Grand Lecturer receives a higher salary than the Grand Secretary it was about time somebody threw out a hint to Grand Chapter.

The former officer who did good work has this to say in his report :

“ I have been asked a great many times, the question, How shall we ‘ raise ’ and ‘ lower ’ ? We have no ritual for this work. The only reference to it I have been able to find, is an answer given by a Past Grand High Priest, to this effect : ‘ Dispense with work in one degree, and resume work in another.’ This, to my mind, is very crude to say the least.”

The question, which is refreshingly redolent of the immortal Silas Wegg, is a serious one, but surely Michigan can produce a capitular Mr. Boffin.

The Masonic Home report revealed the fact that there are 45 inmates being cared for at a per capita cost of \$2.91 weekly. The disbursements for the year, which included a deficit of \$561.91, were \$7,040.06, and the receipts \$6,885.67. Evidently care and economy are being exercised.

Companions Leonard and Sweet are responsible for a curt review of the proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters in which Canada has a dozen lines. An explanation is discovered in the report of the Finance Committee.

“ Your committee would recommend the payment of \$50 to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for services rendered, and that in view of the fact that there is seemingly but little benefit derived from their labors, we recommend that future reports of the committee be abolished.”

When it is considered that Michigan has 135 Chapters and nearly 14,000 Companions in active membership we think that such a recommendation, with its adoption by Grand Chapter, was a retrograde action and certainly not one of the “ simple steps in the constant process of evolution ” emphasized so strongly by the Grand High Priest in his address.

“ O mighty Cæsar ! Dost thou lie so low ?
Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils,
Shrunk to this little measure ? ”

William F. Denfield, Saginaw, Grand High Priest.
Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota.

Chapters .. 63

Members .. 5,396

Canada's representative, M. E. Companion Andrew P. Swanstrom, successfully ruled over Minnesota's Grand Chapter for the year just closed, and congratulations are again in order.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation, over which he presided as Grand High Priest, was held in the city of St. Paul on the 8th October, 1901.

"The altar was draped in mourning, as was also a large picture of our loved and lamented late President, Comp. William McKinley."

He was most active in visitation, and it had been his intention to cover the jurisdiction, but found it impossible so to do. Referring to one of his visits he says :

"Our ancient brethren held their meetings on a high hill or in a low dale. It was an extremely warm evening. We drove five miles to Eagle Lake. After supper and a boat ride on the lake an informal meeting was held in the boat house, the first on record, I believe, of a meeting of that kind."

He decided that "striking from the roll in his Lodge does not affect the status of a Companion in his Chapter."

That's very like a body blow to dependent membership over there.

Another which will stagger those Companions who are elastic on physical perfection, was "A candidate who cannot raise either arm above his head is ineligible to receive the Capitular degrees."

The Grievances Committee reported :

"We congratulate this Grand Chapter that no cause of grievance has been brought to the attention of the committee, and its members know of none existing in our Grand Chapter or any of its Chapters."

It was resolved :—"That the sum of \$500, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest and

deputies appointed for the purpose of strengthening and unifying the work throughout this Grand Jurisdiction."

Grand Secretary furnishes a fifty page report on Correspondence, and in extenuation of its brevity he says :—

" Few subjects of importance are being discussed ; none that are likely to interrupt the universal peace and harmony that generally prevail. The outlook at the beginning of the new century is very promising for the Royal Craft. The sublime principles of our time-honored Masonic fraternity are being accepted more and more by all civilized people, moulding their thought, broadening their conceptions of duty and teaching them to love, honor and adore their great Creator, to obey His laws and in their treatment of their fellows to strictly observe the Golden Rule."

Chas. H. Brinsmead, Minneapolis, Grand High Priest.

Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Missouri.

Chapters .. 97

Members .. 7,518

Comp. G. J. Klock, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, who was "properly welcomed" by Grand High Priest Arthur Middleton Hough, was a distinguished visitor at the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation, held in St. Louis on the 24th April, 1891.

M. E. Comp. Hough's address was brief and indicated a general degree of prosperity in Missouri. He congratulated the Grand Chapter upon the happy condition of its affairs that made it unnecessary for him to render any decisions.

The necessity of a substantial fire-proof building in connection with the Masonic Home was brought to his notice.

" Having received information that the building was an assured fact, on January 19th, 1901, I directed the Grand Secretary to draw his warrant in favor of the Masonic Home Board for the sum of three thousand dollars. I know of no way that the surplus funds of our Grand Bodies could better be expended than to provide thoroughly safe and comfortable buildings for the inmates of our Masonic Home."

He suspended the High Priest of a Chapter for a

"breach of the moral code," an accusation which, on investigation by a committee of Grand Chapter, was found defective.

The General Grand is invited to meet at Kansas City next triennial, and if the invitation is accepted the sum of \$1,200 is to be set apart for expenses.

Companion Wm. H. Mayo's Correspondence report is as usual bright and interesting, albeit it is largely review and extract. He gives to Canada a couple of pages, mostly excerpts from the Grand Z's address.

Concluding he says:

"There are no great or important matters disturbing the minds or agitating the pens of writers in the Royal Craft; everything seems to be moving along smoothly and prosperously, as well as fraternally.

"Our accompanying statistical table shows a good healthy increase all along the line with the exception of a few of the southern States, which show a net loss; this appears to be from dismissions and suspensions, and may be the lopping of dead limbs and the sifting down to a better basis level."

Thurston B. Duncan, Mexico, Grand High Priest.

William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Montana.

Chapters ... 15

Members ... 866

This Grand Chapter is now in its twelfth year, and "a swellin' wisely." At the outset, there is a "special notice" to Grand Secretaries.

"The Grand Chapter of Montana in 1893 abolished the system of exchanging Grand Representatives with other Grand Chapters, and respectfully declines to issue any further commissions."

Having found the above, we have made "a note on't" and bow meekly to this thundering fiat.

In the city of Great Falls, on September 18, 1900, the Eleventh Annual Convocation was held. M. E. Comp. Alfred Balmforth, Grand High Priest, according to a brief biography which accompanies his portrait,

"Engaged in the butchering business in Butte and has followed this line of trade very successfully to the present time.

"He is also a member of Algeria Temple Nobles of Mystic Shrine, having traversed the "hot sands" and given satisfactory evidence of his courage, constancy and charitable disposition, which have characterized him through life."

Notwithstanding his sanguinary occupation and the perils of his pastimes, his portrait reveals the lineaments of a mild and gentle Companion, and his address discovers an active and painstaking chief officer.

"If we have honestly endeavored to discharge the duties and obligations incumbent upon us to the best of our ability, then we may console ourselves with the fact that our work will stand the test of the Overseer's square, and in due time we shall be rewarded.

"It is not for me to say that you erred in judgment, but in accepting this position I did it with a determination to do as far as lay in my power everything to advance Capitular Masonry. My duties as Grand High Priest have not been arduous, yet much time and attention have been absorbed. I have discharged these duties to the full extent of my ability, with what measure of success I leave it with you to determine.

" 'How soon this life is past and gone
And death comes softly stealing on.' "

His visitations were numerous and apparently satisfactory to himself and the Chapters.

New Mexico was accorded recognition.

A motion that the fees, in every instance, accompany the application for degrees, failed to secure the necessary two-thirds vote.

"Companion J. W. Freeman, on behalf of Great Falls Chapter No. 9, announced a dance for Thursday evening, after Grand Lodge meeting, and extended a cordial invitation to all delegates to be present."

The sum of a hundred dollars was voted to the sufferers by the Galveston disaster.

Companion Hedges, whose contempt for the scissors is only equalled by his marked ability in furnishing a wholly original review, again presents a unique and enjoyable Correspondence report. He gives to Canada a page and a half of his brain power. Referring to the Grand Z.'s allusions to the South African conflict, he says :

"Like our Civil War it is proving a much more costly and fatal affair than anticipated. No one seriously doubts that Great Britain

will win in the end, but the fearful cost of life and money gives cause to think that wiser counsel and forbearance might have prevented the catastrophe."

True. Alas, how true! If only forbearance had been exercised, what would it not have prevented? A tyrannous old man's vanity and ambition led him to issue an "ultimatum." Further ill-advised, he carried desolation, dismay and death into the undefended homes of an unprotected, peaceful colony, and precipitated a terrible conflict, for which he alone is responsible. Had he but used tact and forbearance, he would now be enjoying the pipe of peace under his own vine and fig tree, instead of being an outcast and a wanderer, far from the land which he no doubt loved, "not wisely, but too well." The sacrifices have been appalling, but the end is being shaped by an All Wise hand.

" And this is England's trust,
The battle's throe is just ;
She fights for freedom with a tyrant race.
And this is Nature's plan—
For insect, beast and man,
Ever the lower, falser, yieldeth place.
And out of groans and tears and pain,
In God's good hour, we know, comes universal gain."

Companion Hedges seems to have sized up our nationality pretty accurately and so long as he didn't add the word "bore," we're satisfied.

"Ezra the Scribe, better known in modern parlance as Companion George J. Bennett, the Anglo-Irish-Canadian is the genial, witty, interesting writer of the Foreign Correspondence Report, which has entertained us for a good hour. If we missed Canada last year it was because Canada missed us. We never miss the Canadians intentionally. We have many of them with us and they are generally good men and Masons."

Who wouldn't forgive after a dose of blarney like that? Here is how he defends Montana's action in abolishing the Grand Representative system :

"As the author of the resolution doing away with the Grand Representative system in our Grand Chapter, we may say that it was expressly based upon the fact that our Grand Chapters are constituents of a General Grand Chapter, and we thought to it properly belonged the duty of handling foreign relations. We have learned something

since. Still, the General Grand Chapter was our mother and we are proud to be enrolled among those 'who never struck their mother.' As soldiers going into battle dispense with all baggage but ammunition, so we think Masonry, stripping for its work of charity, can well dispense with superfluities, among which Grand Representatives seem to us most superfluous."

By all means honor your mother. The filial sentiment is beautiful, but is it not an admission of subordination? You are certainly contributing to the support of your aged parent, but you reside in a house of your own and would probably be disinclined to obey if the old lady stepped in to aid in the housekeeping. The above looks like plain admission of dependence on the part of a "sovereign" body; in any case it is, to us, a weak defence of Montana's action.

W. E. Chamberlain, Great Falls, Grand High Priest.
Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nevada.

Chapters . . 7

Members . . 304

"It affords me pleasure to be able to state that Capitular Masonry is in a fairly prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony pervades our Jurisdiction; and the most pleasant and fraternal relationship exists between our own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. There has been an increase in our membership, and a marked improvement in business conditions throughout the State"

With these encouraging words Grand High Priest M. A. Murphy opened his address to the Companions of Nevada, at the Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation, held at Carson City, on the 10th June, 1901.

There was little before Grand Chapter, and that little was done well and not too expeditiously.

"My official duties have not been heavy during the year. I have not been called upon for any decision worthy of note; there have been no grievances, or appeals.

"I have no recommendations to offer. I think our laws, rules and regulations are sufficient in number and strength and can be readily comprehended by the Companions, and from the working of the several Chapters, and the conduct of the Companions, they seem to be well pleased with the condition of affairs."

After the ordinary reports, officers were elected, but it took a second day to have them installed. Western fair ones are invariably to the fore.

“ A vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies of Esther Chapter No. 121, O. E. S., for floral decorations of the hall and for a bountiful supply of boutonnieres.”

Companion Bird submits his fifth report on Correspondence, and as dainty and fresh as its predecessors. He is generous as usual with Canada, and regret to note his concluding words :

“ It was the pleasure of the Grand Master to appoint a new Chairman and we bow to his will, though we did feel hurt. Our efforts in Grand Chapter reports, we think, have been well received.”

They were indeed, and while hoping for the best, shall miss Companion Bird's annual greeting.

William Sutherland, Virginia City, Grand High Priest.

C. N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick.

Chapters . . 9

Members . . 463

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of St. John, on the 28th August, 1901, with an average attendance.

M. E. Comp. John A. Watson, Grand High Priest, presided, and having referred in loyal terms to the death of Queen Victoria and expressed a welcome to King Edward, he turns to Grand Chapter matters.

“ During the past year, I am rejoiced to be able to assure you that Capitular Masonry has gained strength and numbers in this Jurisdiction. To be sure the increase in numbers is not large, but *it is an increase*, and that is gratifying to us. As Past Grand High Priest Ellis remarked in his address in 1898, ‘ We cannot hope for a large membership in this Jurisdiction, for the field is too limited ’ ; the fact, however, that we are adding to our number year by year is encouraging.”

He referred touchingly to the deaths of V. E. Companion Augustus W. Reed, who was one of those intimately connected with the erection of Grand Chapter and R. E. Companion Edward Tweedie, who died at Moncton, N. B., a zealous and indefatigable worker in all branches of Masonry, especially in the ranks of the Royal Craft.

“ During the year I have made official visitations to all the Chapters in my power. I regret that I could not cover all our territory, but my business this past year claimed a large amount of my time and deprived me of a great pleasure, that of officially visiting all the Chapters. I trust that my successor will be able to take up the thread where, I much regret, I had to break off.”

Yet he visited five out of the nine, so that his successor has not a too heavy burden to lift.

The Grand Secretary stated that correspondence has been had with the Grand Chapter of Ireland as to an interchange of representatives. That officer had also to register a complaint :

“ When it is borne in mind that the Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction must necessarily give a great deal of time for very little remuneration—for it must be admitted that the compensation voted is very inadequate for the services performed—I think that the High Priests and Secretaries of subordinate Chapters can fairly be asked to pay more attention than they do to the forwarding of their returns promptly after the end of the year.”

In a jurisdiction of nine Chapters it should not be difficult to adjust matters.

A new form of Warrant was adopted, and it was also decided to increase the Grand Secretary's remuneration.

The committee on the address congratulated Grand Chapter on the inauguration of Sussex Chapter, and on the efficient manner in which the services connected with its consecration were carried out. “ That Chapter will ever stand in our history as the first Chapter formed and constituted by this Grand Chapter.”

The Grand Secretary was directed to convey to R. E. Hon. Robert Marshall the regrets of Grand Chapter at his being unable to attend the Annual Convocation, accompanied by a hearty expression of the good will of Grand Chapter towards the absent Companion, and the hope of his speedy recovery from illness.

Alexander Burchill, Fredericton, Grand High Priest.
William Wallace, St. John, Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire.

Chapters . . 25

Members . . 3,669

In the city of Concord, on the 14th May, 1901, the Eighty-second Annual Convocation was auspiciously held. M. E. Companion Franklin A. Rawson, Grand High Priest, detailed his official acts in an address that was devoted strictly to business.

He covered the visitations assigned to him and was "royally received."

Questions were put to him for decision, that in most cases might have as easily been decided within the Chapters.

The work of visitation on the part of the other Grand officers was conscientiously performed.

"The R. E. Grand King in his report calls attention to the fact that a Chapter officially visited by him was in the habit of opening and transacting business without nine Royal Arch Companions being present. No Chapter can open in ample form, or in any other form, or transact business of any kind, unless the requisite number are present. High Priests should be so instructed by the visiting officers, as was undoubtedly done in this instance."

M. E. Companion A. S. Wait presents a report on Correspondence in his customary able and lucid manner. One is compelled to read him throughout, and although agreement on a few points is not within reaching distance, nevertheless, the perusal is always enjoyable. Under Ohio, we are with him on the subject of solicitation.

"We think that the matter of the solicitation of candidates stands on radically different grounds in the Chapter than in the Lodge. A person must seek admission to Masonry voluntarily in the strictest sense, without the solicitation of friends, and from his own unbiased opinion of the character and value of the institution. But, once having attained to membership, we suppose there can hardly be objection to the Brethren who have experienced the value and seen the beauties of the higher degrees, recommending them, in a judicious way, to those of the Brethren who have not yet attained to them."

For some unaccountable reason Canada's Proceedings had not reached his table.

Franklin A. Rawson, Newport, Grand High Priest.

Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.

Chapters . . 38

Members . . 3,559

The Deputy Grand High Priest presided over the Forty-Fifth Annual Convocation, at Trenton, on the 15th May, 1901; "important business" necessitating the absence of the chief ruler, M. E. Companion George C. Woolson.

New Jersey, like many of the jurisdictions this year, had very little in the way of interesting business before it on this occasion and the proceedings were comparatively tame.

New York sent a delegation of distinguished visitors, including its High Grand Priest, and the Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey was also accorded a welcome.

The Grand High Priest's address was read by his *locum tenens* :

"I can truly congratulate you upon the happy and prosperous year which has gone by, that no questions have arisen between this and other jurisdictions to disturb the harmony and good feeling which has prevailed. The condition of the Chapters has been generally prosperous; no trouble exists so far as I am aware. I trust that this condition may long continue."

Amen! to that. He adjusted a difficulty between two Chapters, growing out of a charge of "invasion," and granted the usual batch of waivers in favor of New York Chapters. Reciprocity in the waiver business creates no unpleasantness between these jurisdictions.

He received some Chapter contributions to be devoted to the Masonic sufferers by the disaster at Galveston.

"This money was forwarded as requested, and in due time I received acknowledgment from Companion Burdett of Texas, announcing that the money was sent to a very worthy Companion who lost his wife, house and everything except three little children. Ten months previous to the terrible disaster, I met this Companion in the city of Tampico, Mexico, and while there he showed me many Masonic courtesies, which to a stranger in a strange land were especially pleasant."

Bread cast upon the waters.—He made numerous visitations in the early part of his term, but circum-

stances interfered later to prevent him carrying out his intentions with regard to others.

Grand Secretary Edwards, whose portrait we gladly welcome in the Proceedings, was responsible for a very pleasing incident during the sitting. He addressed the Grand Chapter upon the subject of the Loving Cup presented to him by the Royal Craft of the jurisdiction on the occasion of the previous annual Convocation, and while expressing his desire to retain ownership of this special mark of esteem during his lifetime, stated that he wished to provide for its future by dedicating the gift to the Grand Chapter, as "The Royal Arch Loving Cup of New Jersey," the passing of which should be established as an ordinance at the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in renewal of Masonic friendship and perpetuation of loving memories. The bequest was accepted and the ordinance established.

With an alacrity as commendable as it was courteous, Grand Chapter was called from labour, and the ordinance of the passing of "The Royal Arch Loving Cup of New Jersey" was inaugurated at "High Twelve."

There is no mention of the vintage, but we presume it was worthy of the Cup. It is presumed that the new Grand High Priest, whose name by the way is appropriately Grosscup, will see to it, at "High Twelve" next Convocation, that the "ordinance" will not be omitted.

Companion Belcher again reports on Correspondence and performs the duty with the ability foreshadowed in his previous effort. Dealing with Canada for 1891, he again notes the absence of New Jersey's representative. His two pages of review are fraternally couched.

William H. Grosscup, Camden, Grand High Priest.
George B. Edwards, Jersey City, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico.

Chapters .. 10

Members .. 448

For the first time receipt is acknowledged of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, which is now in the

fourth year of its existence and doing well apparently. Indeed it makes a higher showing numerically than some Grand Chapters six times its age. Launched under the smiling approbation of General Grand Chapter, recognition was soon accorded by the other constituents of that august body, and it is now a thriving member of a large and influential family.

The Third Annual Convocation was held in the hall of the Rio Grande Chapter, No. 4, in the City of Albuquerque, on Wednesday, October 17, 1900.

Nine pages of the volume are devoted to Grand High Priest John W. Poe's address.

"During the past year nothing has occurred to mar the fraternal relations existing between this and sister jurisdictions. Harmony and peace seem to prevail in our jurisdiction, and so far as I am able to judge from information at hand, the Royal Craft of New Mexico is making healthy progress, and as time passes is becoming more and more firmly established."

At the outset of his term there were nine Chapters, and in January he issued a dispensation to certain Companions living in and near the town of Clayton, N. M., for the formation of a new Chapter at that place, to be known as Washington Chapter, which was instituted by a proxy for the G. H. P. later on.

He refused a dispensation authorizing a Chapter to reduce the fee for the degrees from fifty to twenty-five dollars, for "the next twelve months," the petition urging that such had been the custom in the Chapter for the past few years, and that the effect had been "most salutary to the growth of the institution."

He ruled in favor of "one" substitute only in the R. A. degree, basing his decision on the General Grand's Digest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, during the temporary absence of his chief, received a communication from the High Priest of a Chapter asking, whether or not a Companion who had received in a foreign jurisdiction all the Chapter degrees except that of _____ Master, could visit a Chapter in this jurisdiction. He decided that he could not without first being "healed."

Is not that word out of place? It cannot consis-

tently be applied to a Companion owning allegiance to a recognized Grand Chapter. If however the visitor hailed from a clandestine body and desired affiliation, the "healing" process is understood. The General Grand Chapter has wisely provided that a visiting Companion lacking one or more of the subordinate degrees can have the same communicated to him, prior to entering the Chapter, but that is not known as being "healed."

The financial statement showed a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of nearly \$500.

The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge receipt of Proceedings from some fifteen Grand Chapters.

"We may infer from their receipt that the Grand Chapters from which they emanate take this means of calling our attention to the fact that they have received the notification of our formation and at the proper time they will take such formal action as may be considered proper under the circumstances. I have not deemed it advisable to make any extended review of the few Proceedings at hand, and at the conclusion of this report I only make extracts from those where our existence is noted in any way. As the new-comer into the bright gatherings of the sisterhood of the Grand Chapters, we pause at the threshold, quietly waiting for a welcome from our older sisters, without which we cannot help but feel a little out of place; the welcome is slow in coming but no doubt its heartiness will be doubly increased by the delay."

A resolution to reduce the minimum fee to twenty-five dollars was referred to the Finance Committee, two of whom favoured it, but the third dissented. On presentation to Grand Chapter the minority report was sustained.

A resolution however on behalf of two Chapters, for permission to confer the degrees for the sum of twenty-five dollars was granted, said permission to cease August 31st, 1901. The circumstances were claimed to be exceptional.

Grand Chapter was mindful of its mission, for it was resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be directed to place one hundred dollars on interest in one of the banking institutions of the territory, on account of Charity Fund.

Eugene Cosgrove, Roswell, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New York.

Chapters .. 192

Members .. 22,204

There was the customary large and interested attendance at the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation, held at Albany on the 5th February, 1901.

“A general review of the work of this Grand Chapter for the past year, offers much encouragement; everywhere appears evidence of prosperity, and in many Chapters a very material increase in membership. In my home Chapter—Hamilton—we are proud to record an increase of 97, making a total membership of 816. It is a matter for mutual congratulation that a year of harmony and of satisfactory progress is recorded in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry, in this Grand Jurisdiction.”

M. E. Companion Joseph A. Crane presided over a magnificent Grand Chapter, and it would appear that his private Chapter in Rochester was desirous of doing something in recognition of the honor done to one of its members. Nearly one hundred exaltations in a year, is a notable record.

Two Past Grand High Priests had passed away and he paid eloquent tribute to both. M. E. Companions Richard H. Huntington and David F. Day had made their mark in Masonic circles and will be gratefully remembered.

Referring to the numerous requests for decisions received by him, he pertinently says:

“It is as important to become familiar with the laws governing your Chapters as it is to familiarize yourselves with the work of conferring degrees. While it has been a pleasure to answer all questions asked, yet many of the questions submitted were clearly and plainly answered by the Constitution.”

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer were mainly of local interest only, but all displayed a strict devotion to duty.

Among the visitors was Comp. The Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, Lieutenant-Governor of the State.

Comp. Woodruff was introduced into the Grand Chapter, escorted by M. E. Frederick E. Barnes, Past

Grand High Priest; was heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest in a felicitous address, to which a happy response was made by the honored visitor, expressing the pleasure he felt in meeting so many of the representatives of the Chapters throughout the State, and lauding Masonry as an incentive to the practice, among its votaries, as an example to all men of morality and brotherly love.

R. E. and Rev. James Byron Murray delivered his annual address—his theme: "Masonry, a Structure of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty,"—a paper quite up to the standard of this gifted Companion's former contributions to Masonic literature.

Comp. William J. McDonald offered the following which was adopted:

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, convened in Annual Convocation, on the sixth day of February, A.D. 1901, deeply impressed by the great loss Christendom has sustained in the recent death of Queen Victoria, and desirous of testifying its high estimate of her life and character, and of expressing its sympathy with King Edward VII. and the Royal Family of England, in their great bereavement—

"Resolves unanimously: 'That the Grand Chapter put upon its records, the expression of its profound sorrow for the death of Queen Victoria, whose long reign, not only over her lawful subjects, but in human hearts throughout the world, has in all the relations in which she stood to her people and to her immediate family, whether as Wife, Mother or Sovereign, compelled the love and esteem of the people of all lands; and, honored and revered above all others of the same rank, for her kindly disposition, her womanly virtues and her wise counsel in state affairs; her memory will be treasured by posterity for all time, as that of a ruler who sought to maintain justice, to modify the cruelties of war, and to establish peace in all the earth.

"That the sincere sympathy of the members of this Grand Chapter is feelingly tendered to His Majesty, King Edward VII., and the Royal Family of England, for the great loss all have sustained in the death of Mother and Sovereign."

Comp. William Parmenter Martin, High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, presented to the Grand Chapter a copy of the centennial history of his Chapter, and in the course of his address said:

"You will find, upon reading it, that we have had on our rolls the names of Marquis de La Fayette, six Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of New York, four of the Grand Council, three Grand Comman-

ders, one General High Grand Priest of the United States, and many of those who have held important offices in all of the Grand Bodies of this state. Seven companions who have been of our membership at one time or another in their careers, have received your approval, and have been elected to preside over this Grand Chapter, and one was elected to preside over the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, thus we have eight Grand High Priests."

The veteran Companion Geo. J. Gardner still vigorously wields the reportorial quill and we trust he may long be spared to the duty. He had Canada for 1900 under his careful and painstaking consideration, and commenting on the Grand Z's address, kindly says :

"His complimentary remarks regarding the Grand Scribe E. will we think, be heartily echoed by all who are acquainted with that officer, either personally or by reputation."

Of the Grand Superintendent's work, he says :

"The Reports of the Grand Superintendents are always an interesting feature of the volume of Proceedings. Did space permit we could select many passages therefrom which would prove of great interest to our readers, coming as they do, from the far-off northern districts of Manitoba, British Columbia, etc. These reports cover over fifty pages, and are replete with incidents of an extended varied nature, characteristic of that region."

In his conclusion we find the following, which fairly describes the situation :

"About all the old vexed questions of matters upon which doctors disagreed have been obliterated. Some of the disputants have passed over to that country where controversies never arise, others have become weary with a paper contest and have laid aside the provoking pen, satisfied that life is too short to spend it in strife and contention."

"In our last report we called attention to the great relief furnished the Grand High Priests in being appealed to for decisions. The number of such instances is still diminishing, and we hope for their sakes it will so continue. If those applying for these decisions would for a moment think of the cares and responsibilities resting upon these officers they would seek to relieve rather than add to these burdens. Masonic legislation has become so extended that scarcely a question can arise but that a parallel case may be found already adjudicated upon as authority. Bear this in mind, my Companions. Consult the authorities before annoying your executive, and you will receive his thanks as well as the self-satisfaction of having gained the information sought without taxing other brains."

J. Harris Balston, New York, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

North Carolina.

Chapters .. 19

Members ... 797

An increase of ten from last year. That is not heavy, but it is on the right side.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, convened in its Fifty-third Annual Convocation, in the hall of Chorazin Chapter No. 13, in the City of Greensboro, May 14th, 1901.

"We are glad to meet in this progressive city, just now so full of life and vigor. May we catch some of the spirit of its progress and feel the influence of its thrift and energy, and may our deliberation in this, our first Convocation of the new Century, result in the up-building of Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction."

Thus did M. E. Companion Jas. K. Norfleet, Grand High Priest, open a brief address covering his official acts.

He failed not to pay tribute to the worth of one whose passing was a severe blow to Grand Chapter, Past Grand High Priest Horace H. Munson, who was also Grand Secretary.

"For him the laborer's task is o'er,
For him the battle day is past."

He refused dispensation to allow a Chapter to elect as High Priest a Companion who had not filled the stations of King and Scribe, finding no law or precedent that would warrant it.

He reported that the increased *per capita* had brought Grand Chapter out of debt, and opportunely recommended recognition of the services of the Correspondence Chairman, which we were pleased to note was acted upon.

Companion Southgate's work as a reviewer is worthy of all praise and his labours have been none the less earnest because his reward was solely "love."

DeWitt E. Allen, Charlotte, Grand High Priest.

James C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota.

Chapters .. 13

Members .. 1,025

Not a ponderous volume this, but no doubt interesting to the Companions of this young jurisdiction. There are a little over three score pages, and a half-tone of Grand High Priest DeWitt C. Moore, which is a credit to the artist.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Fargo, on the 30th June, 1901. The business for the year did not call for anything startling from the G. H. P., whose address was confined to his few official acts.

One of these was to determine a question of jurisdiction handed over to him from the previous regime. A brother who was elected to the high office of Secretary of State, became of course an official sojourner at the capital, Bismarck, and the Chapter there accepted his application for the Capitular degrees. To this action the Chapter nearest his home vigorously objected. The G. H. P. had to decide upon the distinction sought to be made between a man's actual and official residence, and, believing that a man's Masonic home is where he resides with his family, where his business is located, and where he claims and exercises the rights of citizenship, he ruled against the Chapter accepting the application, and recommended that the fees be paid over to the objecting Chapter.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved and went him one better :

"And we further recommend that Comp. Falley be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry until he shall have purged himself for the contempt, as shown in his communication, to the Grand High Priest."

Being Secretary of State didn't count for much there.

"The subordinate Chapters throughout this Jurisdiction are well officered and in good hands is proven by the fact that no questions have been submitted for me to pass upon "

The Grand Secretary's report regretted the small increase in membership, twenty-one, which that officer attributed to hard times. As usual the report had much to say about the "cards" and "trays" system which appears to have entailed some labour on the office.

Nearly four hundred dollars were spent on the "finishings" of the Grand Secretary's office.

A gallant Companion moved the following motion, which of course was carried unanimously:

"That this Grand Chapter exchange its place of meeting with the Grand Chapter Eastern Star on account of their attendance being large and our attendance being small."

Then another obliging Companion moved, and was duly rewarded by being appointed one of the happy couple.

"That a Committee be appointed to notify the Grand Chapter Eastern Star of the action of this Grand Chapter."

"The Grand High Priest appointed M. E. Companion Francis Ingalls and R. E. George H. Keys, on account of their peculiar fitness to deal with the ladies, and which fitness being duly appreciated by the members present, the appointment was received with applause."

That Committee should have returned and related all the sweetly pretty things said of the Companions who were "so nice," but apparently they decided not to share the enjoyment which was just enough for two. Before closing—

"The Grand Secretary, in words chosen for the occasion, presented a beautiful golden and jewelled Grand High Priest medal to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion DeWitt C. Moore, who, notwithstanding his utter surprise and astonishment, was able, in a few short words, faintly to express the feelings which pervaded the inner vails of his soul."

The good Grand Secretary should not forget that sudden shocks like that occasionally have a distressing effect on the "inner vails" of the body. Fortunately the recipient on this occasion was a man of large build and strong constitution, but even then we cordially sympathise with him in his "utter surprise and astonishment."

Fred. D. Aplin, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Ohio.

Chapters .. 149

Members .. 16,228

A net gain of 716, being 353 more than the previous year and "greater than that of any year in the history of this Grand Chapter."

Such was the gratifying report of the Grand Secretary to the Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation at Columbus, on the 10th of October, 1900.

M. E. Companion O. P. Sperra, Grand High Priest presided, and congratulated the Companions on the prosperity of Grand Chapter.

"Again we are inspired with the knowledge that in many prosperous communities where Capitular Masonry has become dormant and almost wholly inoperative, new life and zeal have been infused, the cobwebs and dust cleared away, and a healthy growth succeeding the rust and decay."

He urged the revision of Ohio's Code, as many Chapters had applied for dispensations where such were not necessary.

"The habit of proselyting or soliciting members to a Masonic body is a dangerous one, and if practiced at all should be tempered with much discretion and prudence. Membership to Masonry in all its branches, and particularly the Chapter, should be prompted, in the first instance, by a favorable conception of the Order from its position and work in the community. The individual member could much better devote his time and energy to the building up of the Chapter itself, and that when earnestly and well done, will prompt membership without solicitation."

There are many who will disagree with the above so far as the Royal Arch is concerned. He visited frequently and always upon invitation.

"I am convinced that nothing is more conducive to good work and the cultivation of a proper feeling among the Companions than visitations made by the principal officer of this Grand Body."

To many in Canada who know the recipient so well, the following will be read with pleasure:

"In accordance with the resolution of your Grand Body, through the Grand Secretary I procured a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, and

on the 7th day of November, 1899, in Thatcher Chapter, in the city of Cleveland, I presented same to Past Grand High Priest Brenton D. Babcock. It was a memorable occasion to me when I presented to one of my staunchest friends, and to one of the best men I ever knew, a jewel in recognition of services done in your behalf."

The report from the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home showed a total of 138 inmates.

The Chairman of the Grievance Committee was pleased to report that his committee had had no matters before them and no duties to perform.

Comp. S. Stacker Williams, who we were pleased to note was present, announced that for a lifetime he had been collecting a Masonic library, and that he had presented it to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, or rather to the Masons of Ohio, and asked that the Grand Chapter assist in binding the very many Grand Chapter reports in that library, and moved that the question of an appropriation for that purpose be referred to the Committee on Accounts and Finance, and that whatever the Grand Chapter may give may be used by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge. A committee of three was appointed to carry out his wish.

Companion Williams, whose paralysis still afflicts him, and whose work is necessarily handicapped in consequence, continues the Correspondence report, and it is our fervent prayer that he may long be spared to that pleasant duty. Notwithstanding his difficulties his report is as vigorous and interesting as of yore.

He naturally stays with Maine for a time and breaks a lance with Companion Drummond, who had stated his emphatic belief that Thomas Smith Webb had never written the work. Companion Williams rejoins:

"Companion Drummond may believe it or not, as he chooses. There are many things he does not believe, and we are unable to help his belief. If Companion Drummond will come to Newark we will show him a complete copy of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple, written in full and spelled as well as Companion Drummond or we can spell, in the handwriting of Thomas Smith Webb. We have also here five or six original letters in this same hand, and other evidences of its genuineness; but we will not undertake to make Companion Drummond believe it."

Among these veterans of the Guild, there is in controversy a positiveness truly refreshing, and as one peruses their well presented statements on various topics under discussion, a smile is provoked for the reason that once the serried columns of argument are lined up for the fray, the respective commanders are there to die in their defence, for in the bright lexicon of the reviewer there is no such word as "surrender."

The process of reaching after conviction reminds one of the school-boy's account of the three creeds:—"First they made the Apostles' Creed, but nobody believed that. Then they made the Nicene Creed, and nobody believed that. Then, sir, Athanasius made a Creed, and you must believe that, because it says you'll go to hell if you don't."

By the way, it strikes one as singular that certain captious reviewers have not yet observed a glaring blot in Ohio's Proceedings. Initials only are used in recording the names of leading grand officers.

Companion Williams gives to Canada for 1900, over four of his valuable pages. Noticing the abortive effort to restore the minimum fee, he says:

"Too bad! If they get that section amended, charging a reasonable amount for the degrees, they will probably know enough to keep it there."

He is kindly disposed to the reviewer and quotes generously.

"While Comp. Geo. J. Bennett is a new Secretary, he is well known to us as one of the best correspondents in the guild. He comes forward in that capacity this time and gives us a very beautiful introduction. We copy it."

Wm. M. Cunningham, Newark, Grand High Priest.
Edwin Hagenbach, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

Oregon.

Chapters .. 25

Members .. 1,509

Opening the volume of Proceedings, the portrait of Orlando Orville Hodson, M. E. Grand High Priest, is discovered. The exalted Companion appears wearing a peaceful expression and a Shrine button. The latter, by the way, is in evidence in the majority of similar portraits and indicates that Royal Arch rulers are not indisposed to

“ A little nonsense now and then.”

There is no trace of it, however, in the address of the Grand High Priest to the Companions at the Forty-first Annual Convocation, held at Portland, on the 10th June, 1901.

“ For more than the space of a generation have we and our fathers been laboring upon our mystic temple, without hope of fee or reward, save such as come from the consciousness of duties well performed ; and as we again exchange fraternal greetings, gathered around our sacred altar, let us return thanks to the Author of all that is, and renew our vows of constancy to the fundamental principles of right, taught under the shadow of the Royal Arch. As the faithful sojourners came from the distant lands of Babylon, seeking to aid their kinsmen in their great and glorious undertaking of rebuilding their city and temple, so, I trust, all of you, whether from near or remote, are animated by the same spirit toward the discovery and promulgation of the eternal principles of truth.”

Unlike other jurisdictions whose memberships are reported as exhibiting a rare knowledge of law and constitution, he had “ been called upon many times to answer questions in relation to the administration of Chapter affairs.”

“ Regarding the reception of the petition of a saloon-keeper : I know of no law in this Grand Jurisdiction upon this subject, but am of the opinion that there should be, as I do not see how any Mason can keep a saloon and retain his good standing in any Lodge in Oregon, as the Grand Lodge has ruled against it and it should be enforced.”

He does not say whether that ruling dealt with brethren who patronize the saloon-keeper, and who, we should imagine, are equally culpable.

The committee in which is centred the wisdom of Grand Chapter, reported on the above.

“*Resolved*,—That upon all questions of Masonic law and usage, when the Grand Chapter has no direct legislation, the Masonic law or usage of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction applicable to such case shall govern.”

M. E. Companion J. M. Hodson presented his usual cheery and instructive report on Correspondence, which Oregon Companions no doubt perused as we did, from beginning to end with pleasure.

To Canada for '91 he gives nearly three pages, most of that in an amusing but laborious effort to climb over some cold facts to which we treated him in our last review.

“Companion George J. Bennett presented another of his rattling good reports on Correspondence. Oregon for 1900 is courteously treated, our proceedings complimented, and our remarks concerning the O. E. S. answered by a page of newspaper gossip about the sisters of New York squabbling over the election of their Grand Matron. Ha! ha! Suppose they did kick the ballot-box down the elevator shaft, and have a ‘hot time in the old town,’ that cuts no ice on the question of either the beauty of the work of the order or its benefits as a helper in the field of Masonic charity. That a few of those high steppers stepped too high we admit; but we have known private ambitions of ‘big Masons’ to interfere with the work of the Lodge and disgrace the fraternity in the eyes of the profane.”

Not newspaper gossip, Companion, but newspaper report of disgraceful occurrences revealed to the world through the medium of a court of justice. One is inclined to doubt “the beauty of the work” as a means to inculcating the principle of “charity,” after such disclosures. The above light and airy disposition of the matter will perhaps satisfy Companion Hodson, but, to use his own choice vernacular, “it cuts no ice” with those who deplore the tendency to encourage barnacles on the old Craft.

“His quotation from the ‘Pacific Mason’ regarding the so-called higher degrees is all well enough; it only shows that either the writer never received those degrees, or he has not comprehension wide enough to appreciate their philosophical sublimity.”

There it is again. Probably the writer’s comprehension was equally at fault in not appreciating the “philosophical sublimity” in the New York incident already referred to.

“There are many who do not appreciate either the P. M. or M. E. M. degrees, but we all know a very large majority of the Royal Arch Masons of the world have and appreciate them, the English Royal Archers and the ‘Pacific Mason’ to the contrary notwithstanding. The M. E. M. is probably of comparatively modern origin, but the Royal Arch cannot compete in age with the P. M., either by history or tradition, and the Royal and Select degrees are as essential to the Masonic education of the seeker after knowledge as correct orthography to a proofreader. We will stake our reputation as a guesser that neither Companion Bennett nor the editor of the ‘Pacific Mason’ could tell to save their lives why there are only four of the virtues singled out as cardinal. Why more than three? Why not five, six or seven? Or why they refer to the parts of the human body they do. Yet they write derogatorily of the ‘philosophers’ of the higher degrees, and wish to cut off a few. Go to, brethren, and think a while.”

The only argumentative episode that we can call to mind which is at all comparable with the above “settler”—was the wordy encounter between Daniel O’Connell and the Irish fishwife, who enjoyed the reputation of silencing all opponents until she met the famous lawyer. Having drawn her out over the price of a fish, until she was in her best abusive mood, he replied to one of her choicest epithets by declaring that she was no better than an isosceles triangle. This fairly maddened her and he quickly followed up the advantage by applying a string of innocent mathematical terms to her appearance and conduct, until, speechless with rage, she grasped a saucepan and flung it at her tormentor, who retired with the parting shot that she was nothing but an irascible hypotenuse, or something equally harmless.

Now when Companion Hodson started in to assail the “Pacific Mason,” he displayed a singular lack of prudence. He stepped away from the strict path when he ventured to propound conundrums, thereby imperiling his reputation for fortitude. The absence of justice is apparent in the endeavour to cover his tracks by introducing something foreign to the matter in hand, and the entire extract bears such evidence of haste, as to convey the impression that it was not written with the good Companion’s usual temperate care.

And yet we believe that underneath his vest beats a heart responsive, not only to the primary virtues with which we are familiar, in name at all events, but

to the many others which hinge upon those four and which all good Masons emulate.

Hear his conclusion :

“More than 10,000 pages of all sorts of specimens have been examined in the preparation of this report, and it has been our most earnest effort to select only that which represented the eternal spirit of truth for reproduction. Of the transactions of the various Grand Chapters, we can truthfully say that in our time there has never been a year in which more perfect unity of thought and action prevailed, not a ripple on the surface, and only the steady swell of determined action to know and do the right has dominated the Capitular world. As the years go by the conviction deepens that ours is a system of philosophy, a species of government, a class of education, in all respects calculated to promote the peace and happiness of mankind, not merely a combination for jollity and sociability. but to convey the most profound impressions and teach the most fundamental truths. In this spirit, Companions, let us all enter the sanctum sanctorum at each high twelve, and see if anything can be added to strengthen, beautify or adorn our Masonic lives, draw our designs upon the trestle-board, and see to it that these designs are perfectly reproduced in the completed Temple.”

Henry B. Thielson, Salem, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania.

Chapters .. 123

Members .. 18,419

At the March quarterly communication the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death of Grand Chaplain Companion Rev. Thomas B. Angell, D.D., and directed the reading of the following memorial :

“THE REV. THOMAS BARHAM ANGELL, D.D.

Born in London, England, October 20, 1859.

Came to Canada at the age of 18.

Educated at Trinity College, Toronto.

Received from the same institution, upon examination, the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1893, and the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1897.

Took holy orders and was ordained Deacon July 20, 1884, and Priest July 26, 1885, by the Rt. Rev. Arthur Sweatman, D.D., Bishop of Toronto. Served first as Missionary at Haliburton, and then as Curate of St. John's Church, Peterboro'.

From 1886 to 1888 served as Assistant at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

From 1888 to 1900 was Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

January 3, 1900, removed to Wilmington, Del., to assume the Rectorship of St. Andrew's Church ; was taken with pneumonia, January 5th, and died early Jan. 18th. Was buried Jan. 20, 1900, in the Harrisburg Cemetery.

A widow and two young children survive him.

Was Assistant Secretary of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania for a number of years, and a member of the Standing Committee of the same Diocese. For several years was Archdeacon of the Harrisburg Archdeaconry.

Was elected Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Chaplain of the Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa., in 1897, but declined.

Was initiated in Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough, Canada, January 6, 1886, passed February 17, 1886, and raised July 27, 1886.

Admitted to Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg, January 11, 1889, served as Chaplain for several years.

Was a member of Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21, Harrisburg, having received the M. M. M. Degree November 4, the M. E. M. December 2, and the R. A. M. December 12, 1895.

Was knighted February 4, 1897, in Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, K. T., at Harrisburg, and was its Prelate at the time of his death.

Was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., 1893-99, inclusive, and at the time of his death was Grand Chaplain of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania "

A committee of five was appointed to design a suitable jewel to be presented to the eleven surviving Past Grand High Priests.

At the June quarterly the design was submitted and adopted.

" The Jewel is a circle of gold, on which rests a golden Triangle, at each angle of which is a seven-pointed Star, typifying the Hebrew perfect number seven, incapable of division except by a unit. Upon the Triangle rests a Breast-plate of gold, typical of that worn by the High Priest when officiating in the Temple. The Breast-plate to contain fac-similes of the precious gems representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

" The Jewel is suspended by a gold ring from a Mitre of gold and white enamel, copied from that worn by the Hebrew High Priest when serving in high office in the Temple.

" The Jewel is made of heavy 18kt. gold. The edges of the Circle and Triangle are raised, and the stars of gold in relief. All the stones in the Breast-plate are faceted. The Mitre is of white enamel to represent silk or linen. The workmanship is of the very highest character in every detail. The price for the Jewels, including leather case and engraving name, etc., on the back, and nine small diamonds in the base of the Mitre, is one hundred dollars each."

Seventeen Companions at Connellsville petitioned for a new Chapter.

At the September quarterly the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the death, on August 8, 1900, of Companion J. Simpson Africa, a member of the Committee on Correspondence, and Representative of the Grand Chapter of California.

A communication was read from Companion William James Hughan, Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Mark Lodge of England, directing attention to a paragraph in the Correspondence report which dealt with English proceedings. The paragraph referred to was as follows:

“We have a piece of news for Bro. Hughan. The records of the Grand Lodge of England show that the Grand Master was re-elected April 26, 1882, and that he was re-installed.”

To this Bro. Hughan replies:

“I have before me the official report of that meeting. The late Earl o Lathom was in the chair, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was *proclaimed* Grand Master, as usual, *but not being present was not installed*. The Report relied on by Comp. Henderson is erroneous, so that the *news* is not correct. The fact is, unless the largest hall in London was engaged for the purpose, an ordinary meeting, *if the Grand Master was previously announced as intending to be present*, would not contain the brethren. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales however, every now and then attends special meetings of the Fraternity, more or less private or unannounced, and, as the Grand Secretary will confirm, he takes a great interest in all that concerns the welfare at home and abroad. Were it convenient, however, undoubtedly Grand Masters, as other Dignitaries, should be installed annually.”

At the December quarterly the officers were elected, and it is hereby noted that the three principal officers, together with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, are dubbed “Most Excellent,” a title which we have ever been taught should of right belong to but one, viz., the chief ruler, and by courtesy to those who preceded him in that office. It appears a little anomalous to apply it to four officers who may not have reached that exalted station; but then Pennsylvania is a law unto itself.

On December 27th, 1900, the Annual Grand Communication was held in Philadelphia, when those officers were installed.

Grand High Priest Michael William Jacobs congratulated Grand Chapter that one Chapter had been

added to the list and the annual healthy increase of about 500 Royal Arch Masons, which has prevailed for some years past, had been kept up.

Among his decisions the following is found :

“The Ark used in the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason, being a representation of the Ark of the Covenant described in Exodus xxxvii., must be gilded within and without, with gilded rings and staves, and cannot be white.”

The eleven Past Grand High Priests' jewels were presented, and M. E. Companion Samuel C. Perkins, who filled the chair over thirty years previously, responded on behalf of himself and the other veterans.

The incoming Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Edward B. Spencer, delivered a most interesting address, in which the following passage occurs :

“Guard the sacred foundations by learning and inculcating their value. Be familiar with the ritual; for, in this jurisdiction especially, it has the true savor of antiquity. It has been said: ‘Our Grand Chapter may pride itself upon being the custodian of the true and ancient work, pure and simple.’ It is the testimony of Past Grand High Priest Companion C. Perkins after visiting the Grand Chapter of England, and exemplifying to the Companions there the work as practised by us, that they admitted that *that* work ‘is the ancient work as it had been formerly understood and practised by the Craft in England.’

“He adds, ‘That work has been preserved by the care of this Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania unimproved upon and without modern innovation.’”

M. E. Companion M. H. Henderson has a lengthy and instructive introduction to the valuable report on Correspondence. Companion Chambers, of Quebec, had drawn attention to an apparent inconsistency on the part of Pennsylvania in its reasons for non-recognition of New Zealand.

“Concerning our reasons for declining to recognize New Zealand, the one alleging lack of further information he pronounces quite sufficient, but that the other, viz., that it had not the allegiance of all the Chapters in its territory, is not in accordance with precedents established by our Grand Chapter, or with our statement that Masonry in Pennsylvania does not change. He characterizes our statement that a so-called Supreme Masonic Body which has not the allegiance of all the bodies in its territory, is not entitled to recognition as such, as extraordinary, and says this remarkable contention is not in keeping with the past policy of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania; that if it was, the Grand Chapter of Quebec would never have been recognized

by us. He cannot approve our action without assuming that we have erred in the past and that Quebec is not entitled to the recognition it enjoys at the hands of her sister Grand Chapters.

"The foregoing is a fair synopsis of Companion Chambers' criticism of our action, and we think we can answer him in few words.

"The fact that Quebec has not the allegiance of all the Chapters in her territory is not news to us ; we have known it ever since we have given attention to such matters, but have refrained from mentioning it because the subject is not a pleasant one. It is nothing to the credit of any Grand Chapter, and if we were Companion Chambers we would say as little about it as possible. Disagreeable family matters are best avoided.

"The Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania about twenty-two years ago, long before our present Committee had anything to do with such questions and before most of us were active in Grand Chapter affairs. We found it here and have quietly let it remain."

Companion Henderson, not content with setting forth his own position as above, must needs exhibit that of Companion Chambers and the Grand Chapter of Quebec, as viewed from Philadelphia. It will be interesting to note the latter's attitude, in face of the implied threat conveyed in the closing remarks.

"In closing the subject let us remind Companion Chambers of this wholesome truth : That because the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania may have committed an error in recognizing the Grand Chapter of Quebec, it would not be justified in repeating the error by recognizing the Grand Chapter of New Zealand ; and we would also remind him that it is not too late to rectify any mistake we may have made in the case of Quebec. He does not say we were wrong in refusing recognition to New Zealand, but that he cannot say we were right, without acknowledging that his own Grand Chapter has no right to the place she occupies among regular Grand Chapters."

To Canada, for 1900, he gives a couple of pages of fraternal review.

Edward B. Spencer, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Charles Carey, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec.

Chapters . . 11

Members . . 590

Neat and accurate as usual, the volume recording the Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation, held at Montreal on 29th January, 1901, is as welcome as it is interesting.

M. E. Companion H. Leroy Fuller, Grand Z., congratulated the Companions on the quiet, steady progress of Capitular Masonry.

“Owing to our peculiar surroundings, we may not look forward to any sudden accession of membership, contenting ourselves, as we slowly advance, that we are quietly but steadily planting the principles of our Royal Craft in this Province.

“The war cloud hanging over South Africa, which was so dire at our last convocation, has lightened considerably, and I hope before we meet again it may have entirely disappeared, and truly thankful are we that so few members of the Craft, among so many that went out, have lost their lives during their gallant service for the Flag and Empire.

“Although we have none to mourn for in this province, yet, we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones of our other sister jurisdictions. We also extend a hearty welcome to the returned heroes.”

He paid tribute to the memory of M. E. Comp. Frank Edgar, who, though in delicate health, died rather unexpectedly on the 25th of November, 1900, after a brief illness. He assisted in the formation and was the third elected Grand First Principal Z. of Grand Chapter.

He granted permission to the first Principal of Carnarvon Chapter to exemplify some of the various Capitular degrees as worked some forty or more years ago.

“This permission I readily gave, as Grand Chapter decided at last session to appoint a committee to take up the question of “Work” for this jurisdiction, and I felt it was a good opportunity to study the differences or changes in work during the latter half of this century.”

The Grand Superintendent of the Montreal District witnessed the work referred to :

“On December 14th last I visited Carnarvon Chapter to witness the work of the Most Excellent Master’s Degree as per the old Nova Scotia Ritual, and if such work was carried on regularly it would do more to advance Capitular Masonry in this Province than anything I know of. There was a very large attendance and thirty members were specially detailed to perform the work.”

The Committee, on this and similar reports said :

“We take it that the Montreal Superintendent in referring to the Nova Scotia ritual, commented more upon the efficiency of the work, than in passing an opinion on the merits of the different rituals, and

while we commend the officers referred to for their ability and perseverance in getting up the work from an outside source, we think, that if furnished with an extended ritual of our own for the degree of M. E. M. equally as good results would be obtained. This emphasizes the remarks of the Most Ex. the Grand Z. in reference to a committee being formed for the purpose of taking this matter of a ritual in hand."

M. E. Companion Chambers furnishes a 65 page report on Correspondence which is a *multum in parvo*. It embraces every jurisdiction on the Continent and the gems of each are carefully culled.

Referring, under Canada for 1900, to the reviewer's remarks on the too apparent tendency to dwell upon non-essentials, he says :

"And so it is in our Chapters and Lodges. If one fraction of the time and trouble that is expended over the mint and anise and cumin of Masonry were devoted to its teachings, and to the study and the propagation of the morality and the charity that it inculcates, there would be no limit to the grand results that would ensue."

And among the objectionables is the ever present discussion on "substitutes," whether one or two or none. We are quite with him in his view of it.

"Whether the workers in the quarries are all candidates, or whether substitutes are employed in the work together with one or more candidates, we cannot see that the effect upon the latter is in any way changed."

Geo. O. Stanton, Montreal, Grand Z.

Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

South Dakota.

Chapters . . 28

Members . . 1,637

In the city of Sioux Falls the Twelfth Annual Convocation assembled on the 13th June, 1901, with a most creditable attendance.

Martin G. Carlisle, M. E. Grand High Priest, had little to do during the year and did it well.

"It is with great regret that I am obliged to offer a report showing such a limited performance of official duties. The business of this work-a-day world has almost o'erwhelmed your Grand High Priest, much to the detriment of the work intrusted him at your hands."

He granted a dispensation for a Chapter at Spearfish, which was appropriately named "Lookout."

Feelingly he referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest Samuel J. Coyne, which occurred in the preceding January.

He was unable to attend the General Grand and forgot, apparently, where it met. He feared too that South Dakota was unrepresented.

He informally visited Brookings Chapter, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, but was obliged to decline all other invitations, and hence had no official visitations to report.

The R. E. Grand Lecturer did good work among the Chapters, but more is required.

"The great trouble with most of the Chapters I find to be a lack of qualified workers. Nearly all have from two to six (in some cases more) active, well informed Companions who are ready and willing to do all in their power to advance the interests of Capitular Masonry. But there is an indifference manifested by many. Very few Chapters are well qualified to confer the degrees in that impressive manner calculated to make a deep and lasting impression upon the candidate, and to fix the beauty of these sublime lessons permanently upon his mind."

Companion Levoy gives kindly notice to Canada in his report on Correspondence. He is in error, however, in assuming that the M. E. M. degree was eliminated in this jurisdiction. Portions of the work had been removed, and there was an effort made to restore them, that was all.

Samuel J. Moore, Mitchell, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee.

Chapters . . 68

Members . . 2,721

Only three of the 68 Chapters were unrepresented when the Seventy-second Annual Convocation was opened in ample form at Nashville, Jan. 28, 1901, by M. E. Companion Angel S. Myers, Grand High Priest; and as elsewhere, so here

"Our Royal Craft is in a fairly prosperous condition and that peace and tranquility pervade our ranks and the Companions vie with each other as to who can best work and best agree."

He attended the General Grand and, like others, was not over impressed with the business end of it. Another feature of that august gathering he mentions:

"The legislation had was unimportant, the meeting being more of a social character. The crowning act of glory, however, was a donation of two thousand dollars to the flood sufferers of the State of Texas, thus going to show that the tenets of a Mason's profession, Charity, is always the first consideration."

One dispensation for a new Chapter he granted to thirteen Companions at Covington.

He visited seven Chapters only, and explains this by saying that "invitations came not and I could not go." Referring to the reports of the Grand Visitors, he remarks:

"That the results are no better is no fault of the Visitors. Some of them being ready and willing to visit the Chapters in their districts, but they appear not to be wanted. Such being the case it might be well to dispense with the system of visitation."

The Committee on Jurisprudence fell in with this view.

"With reference to the Grand Visitors, we recommend that the system be dispensed with, as we believe they have outlived their usefulness."

Otherwise this year's session was uneventful, nothing of interest coming before the Companions. Companion H. H. Ingersoll, as of yore, presents the Correspondence report, and within a little over ninety pages compresses an admirable review of the Capitular field.

Under Canada he has a word of praise for our method of inspection.

"Then follow the reports of seventeen Grand Superintendents from as many districts of the Grand Jurisdiction, which, taken together, inform the Grand Body of the particular condition of every Subordinate in that Jurisdiction. If these thorough Canadian methods were introduced into some of the United States, the pages of their Proceedings would be more pleasant reading for the friends of Royal Arch Masonry."

William S. Findlay, Sparta, Grand High Priest.

William A. Clendening, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Vermont.

Chapters .. 27

Members .. 3,087

Eighty-three years had this old Grand Chapter fully rounded out when the gavel fell for the eighty-fourth time in the City of Burlington on the 14th June, 1901.

Many of the veterans were there, including Canada's esteemed representative, Companion Charles W. Whitcomb, Grand Treasurer. The M. E. Grand High Priest, Chas. H. Williams, hails from Bellows Falls, and his portrait indicates that he will be among the veterans when the existing ones have long passed to their reward.

His address is of the variety familiar to the reviewer. He opens with pathetic reference to the "pendulum of time," and the "dial of life." He notes also that "the blade of the reaper" has not been idle and pays tribute to the virtues of one of its victims, Past Grand Chaplain Fisher, who was prominently identified with Freemasonry in all the rites.

He was impressed with his experience as a visitor to the General Grand, and moved a vote of thanks to the Ohio Companions for "receptions and banquets not exceeded for magnificence and refinement."

He attended all the District Chapter meetings and is convinced of their utility.

That he was not asked for any decisions he attributes to the now stereotyped and comforting solution,

"That the Chapters of this jurisdiction are well grounded in the fundamental laws of the Order, and that peace and harmony prevail."

A good, practical report was presented by Grand Lecturer Montague, who after four years' service as such asked to be relieved.

Companion Marsh O. Perkins is of course the Correspondent and an excellent readable review he presents. To Alabama's proposal to admit clergymen on the ground floor he offers some pertinent remarks.

“ With exceptional cases, it can but add to the ‘ Weary Willies ’ of Masonic trampdom, when energetic, wide-awake workers are demanded in the quarries and in the forests. It is an open declaration to the equally deserving mechanic, farmer, clerk and other professional classes that they do not stand on a Masonic equality with him who wears the clerical coat. The question involved is not the cost to the clerical brother, but of the equal rights of all knocking at the door of the lodge and Chapter. Under the Alabama usage, this is thrown wide open, because of the profession, without the consideration of the probable value of the material in the future thus taken through it. In the other case, the lodge knows and makes no distinction. It does not extend the ‘ glad hand ’ because the newcomer is a minister, but because he is a *man*, vouched for by personal friends and acquaintances, manifesting their firm belief that in him will be found the essentials of strength and beauty, vigor and manhood desired for the future development of the work on the Temple. To our mind, the two cases are as far apart as the poles of the earth, the ‘ pass ’ of the one being the recognition of a favored class ; that of the other, the recognition of actual worth in the individual.”

He has a complimentary review of Canada for 1901. Observing the action of the Nanaimo Companions, he says :

“ With only one other Chapter not of its allegiance on the shores of the Pacific, it is hoped that the undisputed sovereignty of the Grand Body within its territorial jurisdiction may soon be acknowledged by that also.”

And of the action of Grand Chapter with regard to the minimum fee, remarks,

“ An attempt to increase in part the minimum fees for the degrees proved a failure, and the bargain counter is still open to the Masonic public.”

Under Texas he thinks the word “ trio ” in place of “ team ” or “ class ” is a good one. It certainly is more applicable, and is free from objectionable features.

Daniel S. Danforth, St. Alban's, Grand High Priest.

Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Virginia.

Chapters . . 39

Members . . 2,935

In the city of Richmond, on the 13th Nov., 1900, the Ninety-third Annual Convocation was called to order by M. E. Companion Fred Greenwood, Grand High Priest, who addressed Grand Chapter briefly.

"My term of office has been an uneventful, but, withal, a pleasant one.

"I have not been called upon during the year to render any decisions of sufficient importance to report to this body, the very few questions submitted to me being plainly covered by the laws in our Methodical Digest. Peace and harmony prevail."

He decided that a Chapter declared extinct by Grand Chapter had no existence, and that an appeal for revival must be declined. His suggestion, however, that a petition be sent in for a new Chapter was acted upon.

He made the usual appeal on behalf of the Masonic Home.

Funds were low and he did not deem it expedient to purchase jewels and paraphernalia ordered at a previous Convocation.

Grand Lecturer Hubbard did yeoman service during the year. His report was interesting, a paragraph from which may furnish a cause for lack of interest.

"I have known 'good men and true' who, under proper influences, would have been valuable additions to their Chapters, so humiliated and disgusted at the treatment they had received at the hands of their companions and friends, that they have never entered the Chapter since they received the degrees. I am happy, however, to be able to state that the tendency in some of the Chapters in the State is now to do away with their former methods of rough treatment, and I earnestly hope that all will soon eliminate everything from the work which may in any way detract from the solemnity and beauty of the degrees, when properly conferred."

This matter was subsequently considered by a committee which offered the following resolution, adopted by Grand Chapter :

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the High Priest of each Subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction, to order the Captain of the Host to see that the degrees, in their respective Chapters, are conferred with the dignity and decorum which are appropriate to the respective degrees ; and any disregard of this resolution by officers or companions shall be deemed un-Masonic conduct and treated accordingly.

"*Resolved*, That the above resolution must be read aloud by the High Priest of each Royal Arch Chapter, in open Chapter, at the first stated Convocation after receiving the printed minutes of this session of this Grand R. A. Chapter, and at each Convocation previous to the conferring of any of the degrees."

To get over the difficulty of procuring jewels, etc., for Grand Chapter it was resolved that each subordinate Chapter be requested to donate a sum not less than ten cents per member and forward said contribution to the Grand Secretary.

Companion Nisbett's report on Correspondence is largely extract, and to Canada for 1900 he gives over a page.

J. E. Alexander, Alexandria, Grand High Priest.

Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington.

Chapters .. 23

Members .. 1,403

Four new Chapters were added to the roll since last Annual Convocation, and at this, the Seventeenth, congratulations were in order. Grand Chapter met at Tacoma on 7th June, 1901, with M. E. Companion S. Harry Rush presiding as Grand High Priest.

Grand Master Chadwick of the Grand Lodge was received with honors.

The Grand High Priest having referred to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions, added another, a tribute from a son to a good father.

"Died, at his home at Auburn, Indiana, February 3rd, 1901, in his 87th year, William E. Rush (the father of the writer), honored and respected by all who knew him. He was made a Master Mason in the spring of 1853, and continued a faithful member of our great order, which he loved so well.

"Not to my knowledge did he in word or action ever knowingly harm any man, but endeavored in all things to follow the teachings inculcated in those symbolic degrees from which we all get our first lessons in Masonry."

He very properly decided that a Chapter could not as a body (wearing their regalia) attended Easter services with a Commandery.

He urged a "dependent membership" regulation and also a per capita of ten cents or more annually, to be set aside as the nucleus of a fund for a Masonic Home, to be used when that charitable institution

becomes a settled fact. Both recommendations were subsequently adopted.

Grand Orator Elsensohn delivered a very interesting address on the Royal Arch.

The new Constitution was submitted and adopted. Under "qualifications" the following is interesting:

"Every candidate for the Chapter degrees must be a Master Mason in good standing and a member of a Lodge, and have resided in the State of Washington twelve months, and in the jurisdiction of the Chapter at least six months, next preceding the presentation of his petition, and possessing no maims or defects in his body that may render him incapable of conforming literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him. He must be a natural man, and not one made of wood or cork, or substance other than human flesh or bone."

Companion Yancey C. Blalock extracts to the extent of nearly three pages from Canada's Proceedings of 1901. His selections throughout his report show conclusively that if he does not indulge in comment himself he gives close attention to those who do.

Andrew Nilson, Dayton, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia.

Chapters . . 27.

Members . . 2,024.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Parkersburg, on Tuesday, the 13th day of November, A. D. 1900.

Walling W. Van Winkle, the M. E. Grand High Priest, had the same brief but wholesome story to tell of peace, harmony and progress.

Two Chapters were constituted by Companions delegated for that duty by the G. H. P., and one instituted by the Grand Lecturer.

The only visit recorded by him was that to the triennial at Cincinnati, and of that he could recall nothing that required special mention. He says of the Chapters:

"The equipment for work is generally good, and in most Chapters excellent, while the proficiency in ritual, both from reports received and information through the Grand Lecturers, is characterized only fair, with exceptional instances of very good. My information inclines me to suggest that the ritual should have better attention."

He refused a number of applications for dispensations, none of which he deemed proper.

"One was singular in that it came from a Master Mason by the suggestion of Companions for the creation of a new Chapter. Of course it was refused, but even if regular would have been refused in view of the attitude taken by this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Lecturer reported that but one or two of the Chapters applied for his assistance and urged action to provide ways and means other than those resorted to in the past for the purpose of the better dissemination of the ritual to all the Chapters, so that the work be uniform and also be conferred in an intelligent manner.

Grievance and Jurisprudence Committees reported "nothing to do."

Companion Hugh Stirling makes his bow as Correspondent and we bid him welcome.

"Very few, if any, comments have been made upon the reports of other jurisdictions, for the reason that their action in general was so nearly in accord with my own views regarding the matters presented that it would be presumptuous for me to offer any criticisms, on this first effort as a member of the Guild."

He gives a page of pleasant review to Canada for 1900, closing with,

"I regret not having sufficient time to have fully reviewed the entire proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for a great deal of pleasure would have been afforded me in what I was unable to take under consideration."

All will be forgiven if he refrains in future from calling us Barnett, and would further hint that a revision of the list of Grand Secretaries might prevent possible mistakes.

John M. McConihay, Charleston, Grand High Priest.

Robert C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin.

Chapters . . 75

Members . . 6,328

With half a century of existence this Grand Chapter shows no evidence of weakening powers. On the contrary there is a spirit of progress, an innate strength that augers well for a vigorous old age. The Fifty-first Annual Convocation was held in Milwaukee on the 19th February, 1901, M. E. Companion Edwin F. Gibbs presiding as Grand High Priest.

Loving tribute he paid at the outset of his address to the memory of the genial John W. Laffin, who, for seventeen years, was Grand Secretary, and also to the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Joseph Moran, whose death was due to injuries received in a railroad accident.

Referring to the General Grand Chapter triennial, he said :

“ Our Grand Chapter was again honored by the advancement of Most Excellent Companion William C. Swain to the office of General Grand Scribe. May he live to see the day when he will be elected to the highest office in the gift of the General Grand Chapter.”

To which we cordially respond, “ So mote it be.” He suspended the High Priest of a Chapter which had been found guilty of trespassing upon Iowan territory, for not obeying the order of Grand Chapter to pay over the money received, and for unmasonic conduct with regard to the Grand High Priest.

He issued a dispensation for a Chapter at Arcadia. His decisions were numerous but not extraordinary.

On behalf of Kilbourn Chapter, No. 1, P. E. H. P., Companion David Harlow presented the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin with the portrait of Companion Dwight Foster Lawton, who was the first Grand High Priest.

Companion Harlow, in making the presentation, delivered himself of these interesting particulars.

“ It would have been a beautiful tribute to his memory as well as an honor to this Grand Chapter if our jubilee souvenir had borne upon its obverse the bust of our most estimable Companion. Doubtless this idea was considered by the Committee having the matter in charge and probably abandoned by reason of the impossibility of securing a picture or photograph to serve as a model for the engraver.

“How often are we reminded that there lie buried many models of excellence which, if discovered and brought to light, will be of service and interest to the Craft. Last year it was rumored that there existed in this city an old painting of Companion Lawton, which at one time had been considered unfit for use in any part of the building and thrown over among the rubbish. Strict search was made and the painting found. How oft have we been taught that the stone which the builders rejected, possessing merits to them unknown, became the head of the corner !

“ (The painting is now exposed to view upon the stage.)

“ *That*, canvas, which for years has been ignominiously *humbled* I now request this Grand Body to *exalt* to a position worthy of the man and the office he held. Half a century has passed since the artist portrayed those features—a period most momentous to Masonry. Fifty years ago the Masonic light but faintly glimmered through the mist and darkness. Now it shines in regal splendor, its potent rays extending from the icy fields of the North to the scorching sands of the South.”

The Trustees reported that they found the disbursements exceeded receipts by \$1,159.04. Of this amount about \$700 was for expenses not usual. Leaving that out, the annual expenses exceed the annual income about \$450.00, and there was no indication of extravagance.

“Under these circumstances we endorse the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that the per capita tax be placed at fifty cents instead of forty.”

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments reported adversely on a proposal requiring six days to elapse after election before a candidate may receive the Mark Master's degree.

Opening his admirable report on Correspondence, Companion Swain feelingly remarks :

“As we pen these lines, we are saddened by the memory of him who started in his career as Grand Secretary at the same time we commenced writing, and with whom we were almost daily associated until he laid down the pen forever. Companion Laffin will be long held in remembrance by those of us who knew and loved him.”

Under Alabama he thus comments on the proposal of that jurisdiction to admit clergymen to the degrees without money and without price :

“A self-respecting preacher does not like to be placed in the category with recipients of charity, and one who is not self-respecting we do not want. If the preacher cannot command sufficient salary to afford the degrees, if he desires them, he has mistaken his vocation, and had better retire.”

To Canada for 1900 he gives four pages of his valuable space. Referring to a decision of the Grand Z., he says :

“ We do not see what the Chapter where the candidate received his Lodge Degrees, had to do, or to say, in the matter, or the Grand High Priest. A Chapter can have no jurisdiction over a Blue Lodge Mason after he has removed from its jurisdiction, unless he has applied for the degrees. As a matter of ascertaining the character of the applicant, it is well to refer to the locality from whence he recently came ; but there can be no law requiring it.”

All of which is admitted, but may not the ruling have its element of justice also ? The departure of a brother, whose application to a Chapter is not favoured, may be for a brief sojourn only hoping while away to enact the part of a sojourner in Masonic reality, and having effected his symbolic journey, to return whence he came. This is a possibility along a good stretch of border and the ruling was given with such a contingency in view.

We would like to talk further with Companion Swain but must hold for another opportunity. Here is his merry conclusion :

“ The Royal Craft appears in such good condition that it is dull, and there is nothing to say in summing up. A good lively row would be of interest, but no one is quarrelsome, except Aguinaldo, and his pugnacity takes another direction.

“ We haven't even a good story at hand, and can only say ‘ pleasant dreams, and sweet repose.’ ”

W. B. Andrews, Hudson, Grand High Priest.

W. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

General Grand Chapter.

The Thirty-first Triennial Convocation of this body was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the three days commencing Tuesday, the 25th of September, 1900, and there were present representatives from thirty-five constituent Grand Chapters and from sixteen Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Body.

General Grand High Priest Companion Reuben C. Lemmon delivered an address, which covers twenty-five pages. The progress of the country after its discovery by Columbus, the advance of its population

the founding of its institutions, and the responsibilities it has assumed since the late Spanish war, were some of the extraordinary features of his deliverance. Here is a specimen dealing with Spain :

“ With the detail of her conquests in America, her invasion of, and claim to, rightful sovereignty over Italy, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and finally France and England, considerable tracts in Africa, the islands of the sea, and all of the unfolding continent of America, we have not time to delay otherwise than to point while passing to her panoramic display in the century of her greatness : but her armies do not now announce the determinations of the Escorial to the potentates of Italy, Lombardy, Austria, the Netherlands or the kingdoms and principalities of Germany. ‘ A Republic of Merchants ’ have struck at her navies and they are not—while Spain is engaged with the problem of her place in history.”

Now that is the kind of thing that probably might with reason be tolerated elsewhere than in an address from a Masonic ruler to a gathering of Masons. This is of course opinion and the opinion may be worth little, but its our own. Some four pages of the address are devoted to the subject, but whether the balance is as erratic as the above extract we had not patience to discover. We pass merely with the remark that history cannot show for poor decrepit Spain such comprehensive claims as enumerated. Her ambitions in the days of her greatness were lofty it is true, but the narrator seems to have overlooked one important incident among the many that assisted to check them.

A few English sea-faring gentlemen known to fame elsewhere as Howard, Drake, Hawkins and others with the aid of an all-wise Providence, dealt a crushing and lasting blow to her power on the sea, and the event occurred a few years before the “ Republic of Merchants ” was in process of incubation. No subsequent feat of egg shell smashing could be compared with it.

He properly held that Chapters should not confer degrees on the Sabbath.

A Grand High Priest was suspended from his Lodge for un-Masonic conduct for the period of one year. No proceedings being had in his Chapter or Grand Chapter, except to refer the matter to a committee during the year of his suspension, he at the end of that period resumed his fraternal relations with his Lodge and Chapter. The General Grand High Priest

held that he was a Grand High Priest within the meaning of the constitution. This decision was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and affirmed by the General Grand Body.

Action on the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was deferred until the next triennial.

The chartered Chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapter number twenty, located as follows, viz.: seven in Idaho; three in Utah; seven in Wyoming, and one each in Hawaii, the Chinese Empire and the Republic of Chile. Two Chapters had been constituted in New Mexico and Wyoming, and one more Chapter had been instituted U.D., in Wyoming for which a charter was granted at this triennial.

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico was officially recognized and a cordial welcome extended to enter within the circle of Grand Chapters forming the General Grand.

By the organization of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, the number of constituents was increased to 44, if Texas be included, the independence of Pennsylvania and Virginia being conceded.

In the report of the General Grand Secretary it is noticed that he includes the Grand Chapter of Texas in the list of the constituents of the General Grand, but it does not appear that the Lone Star State appreciates the honor for nothing has come in the way of acknowledgment. The Grand Secretary's report reproduces the correspondence in the Richard Chism case, whose exhibition of contumacy in refusing to obey the commands of the General Grand Chapter to return the rituals and other effects of the late Chapultetec Chapter in the city of Mexico was duly rewarded at this Convocation by his expulsion from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio were the hosts on the occasion, and right hospitably did they entertain their distinguished visitors.

Jas. W. Taylor, Luthersville, Ga., General Grand High Priest.

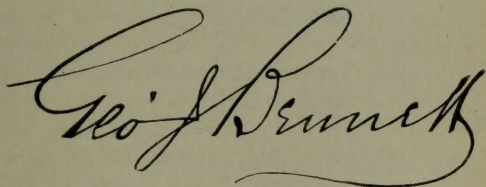
Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, N.Y., General Grand Secretary.

Conclusion.

And so a fairly pleasant and comparatively uneventful journey is finished. Through much of it the sameness, though of the sunny variety, grew monotonous and rendered the oases at long intervals all the more welcome and their sparkling wells of thought and feeling the more delightful. On rare occasion what promised a refreshing pause proved otherwise, its verdancy fading for lack of shade, and its fountains bubbling forth plenteously, but with what to the Masonic palate was the reverse of sweet. To the writer it recalled a famous divine who took pleasure in counselling all and sundry to be careful of the water they drank. "First," he urged, "be sure that it is well boiled, and next, having been allowed to cool, see that it is slowly strained through a Pasteur filter, and then, drink something else."

For those of our Companions with whom we have communed as well as to those whom we regretfully have missed, and to the Companions of Canada for whose benefit this faulty review is compiled, we again fraternally wish

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. J. Brunch". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chairman.

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